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Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Fawaz Al-Hashemi
Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Italy

H.R.H. Princess Wijdan Al-Hashemi is a practicing artist, art historian, art curator, academic and diplomat. She is the first woman to enter the Foreign Service in Jordan as an attaché in 1962, right after finishing her undergraduate studies at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, hence she is the first woman diplomat to represent Jordan abroad. In 1966 she got married and resigned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take up painting full time. Her works are in several museums, including the British Museum and Ashmolean Museum in the U.K., TIMOTCA and the National Museum of Women in the Arts in the USA, the National Gallery in Islamabad, among others.

In 1979 H.R.H. established the Royal Society of Fine Arts that in turn founded the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts which has a unique collection of contemporary works by artists from the Developing World. She has curated numerous exhibitions inside and outside Jordan.

She got her Ph.D. in Islamic Art from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, in 1993, and embarked on an academic career. Between 1993 and 2006 she founded the Higher Institute of Islamic Art and Architecture at Al al-Bayt University in Mafraq where she taught History of Islamic Art and Islamic Aesthetics, she was Vice-president, Director of Research and lecturer at the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy and finally Founder and Dean of