



CHILDHOOD

Fatma Moala was born in Tunisia in 1939. She had five siblings and she was elder among all. After she was born, her father Muhammad Moalla moved from Sfax to Tunis to start a business.



MATH LIKE CHARACTERISTIC

Fatma's greatest childhood joy was reading books with her five siblings in her father's bookstore during the nonbusiness hours. When she played sports with her siblings, she never used any dishonesty or cheating to win the game. If she lost the game, she would accept the defeat without any argument. She claims that these types of characteristics led her to become a mathematician.



Ph.D IN MATH

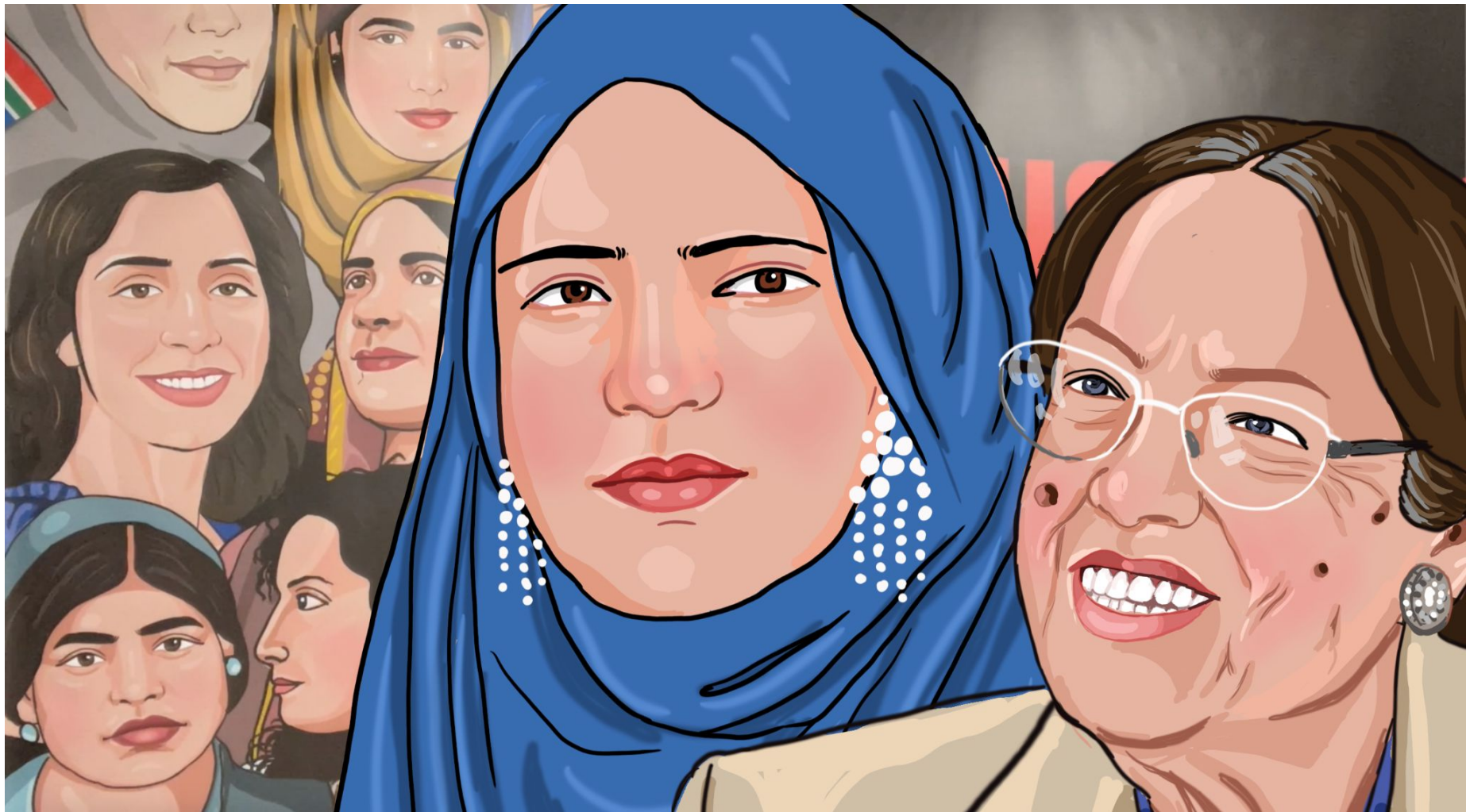
Fatma fell in love with mathematics upon moving from Rue du Pacha High School to Lycée Carnot de Tunis from where she earned her bachelor degree in mathematics in 1957. As a student of mathematics, she discovered a parallel between her characteristics and mathematics. She went on to study advanced mathematics at Université Tunisie and in 1965 she received Ph.D in Mathematics.



**MUSLIM WOMEN
IN
MATHEMATICS**

CAREER

Fatma worked as mathematics teacher at Lycée de la Rue du Pacha for two years. After earning Ph.D in mathematics, she joined the University of Tunis as a mathematics professor.



CAREER

Is it surprising that First Muslim woman who earned Ph.D in mathematics was born in the same country where the founder of world's first University was also born. Their birth is 1139 years apart.

Fatima al-Fihri and Fatma Moalla were born in the same country, Tunisia, former in 800 AD and later in 1939. Although, they born more than one millenia apart, nevertheless Moalla is a validation of Fihri.