

Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa: A Decade after the Arab Uprisings

May 6, 7, 20, & 21, 2021
Virtual Workshop

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May 6

15.00 – 19.00 CEST

15.00-15.30: Introduction (Plenary, Sessions I & II)

Session I Women in National and Sub-National Politics

Chair: Marwa Shalaby

15.30-15.45

Alexandra Blackman, Cornell University

Politicians' Strategic Response to Gender Quotas in Tunisia's 2018 Municipal Elections

(co-authored with Julia Clark (UCSD/World Bank) and Aytug Sasmaz (Harvard University)).

15.45-16.15: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.20-16.35

Monica Komer, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Women's Representation and Attitudes Towards Female Leaders: Evidence from Tunisia.

16.35-17.05: Discussion

-5 min break-

17.10-17.25

Carolyn Barnett, Princeton University

Partial Equality Reforms and Social Change: Evidence from Morocco

17.25-17.55: Discussion

-5 min break-

18.00-18.15

Yuree Noh, Rhode Island College

Who Supports Gender Quotas in Transitioning and Authoritarian States in the Middle East and North Africa?

(co-authored with Marwa Shalaby (University of Wisconsin-Madison))

18.15-18.45: Discussion

18.45-19.00

Closing

May 6

15.00-15.30: Introduction (Plenary, Sessions I & II)

Session II: New Frontiers in Gender and Politics in MENA Research

Chair: Lihi Ben Shitrit

15.30-15.45

Maria Frederika Malmström, Lund University

Navigating the Ocean of Suspicion: Affective Politics and Ambivalent Cairene Masculinities

15.45-16.15: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.20-16.35

Tommaso Milani, University of Gothenburg

Checkpoints of Desire: Language and Intersectional Double Binds

16.35-17.05: Discussion

-5 min break-

17.10-17.25

Yasmin Chilmeran, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Women, Peace, and Security Across Scales: Exclusions and Opportunities in Iraq's WPS Implementation

17.25-17.55: Discussion

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18.00-18.15

Sa'ed Atshan, Swarthmore College

Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique

18.15-18.45: Discussion

18.45-19.00

Closing

May 7

15.00-15.10 – Introduction (Plenary)

Session I: Gender, Displacement, and Conflict

Chair: Carla Abdo-Katsipis

15.10-15.25

Maria Holt, University of Westminster

The Violence of Displacement: Experiences of Palestinian and Syrian Refugee Women in Lebanon

15.25-15.55: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.00-16.15

Simona Sharoni, Merrimack College

Researching Gender and Resistance in Palestine and Israel: Reflections on Scholarship, Teaching and Advocacy

16.15-16.45: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.50-17.05

Kelsey Norman, Rice University, Baker Institute

The 'Inherent Vulnerability' of Being Female: A Gendered Analysis of Morocco's Immigration Reform

(co-authored with Carrie Reiling (Washington College))

17.05-17.35: Discussion

-5 min break-

17.40-17.55

Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis

A Gendered and Cultural Framework for Refugee Mental Health

(co-authored with Patrick Marius Koga (UC Davis); Kate Ellis (The American University in Cairo); and Rita H. Giacaman (Birzeit University))

17.55-18.25: Discussion

18.30-18.45

Closing

May 7

15.00-15.10 – Introduction (Plenary)

Session II: Gender and Authoritarian Politics I

Chair: Yuree Noh

15.10-15.25

Meriem Aissa, Rutgers University

Colonialism, State-building, and Women's Representation: Lessons from Algeria

15.25-15.55: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.00-16.15

Marwa Shalaby, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discerning the Link between Descriptive and Substantive Representation under Authoritarianism

16.15-16.45: Discussion

-5 min break-

16.50-17.05

Aili Tripp, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Instrumentalizing Women's Rights in the Maghreb: The Case of Morocco

17.05-17.35: Discussion

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17.55-18.25: Discussion

Lindsay Benstead, Portland State University

Do Women Provide More Casework? Using Elite Surveys to Explain Representation in Arab Parliaments

18.30-18.45: Closing

May 20

15.00-15.10 – Introduction (Plenary)

Session I: Women's Activism and Social Movements

Chair: Carla Abdo Katsipis

15.10-15.25

Rola El-Husseini, Lund University

Theorizing State Feminism in the Arab World after the 2011 Uprisings

15.25-15.55: Discussion

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16.00-16.15

Selin Cagatay, University of Gothenburg

Feminist Counterpublics: A Useful Concept for Understanding MENA Women's Activisms from a Transnational Perspective?

16.15-16.45: Discussion

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Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University

Kurdish Women's Movements

17.05-17.35: Discussion

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17.40-17.55

Hind Ahmed Zaki, University of Connecticut

Mobilizing against State-Sanctioned Gender-Based Violence in Tunisia: Challenging Hegemonic State Feminism

17.55-18.25: Discussion

18.30-18.45: Closing

May 20

15.00-15.10 – Introduction (Plenary)

Session II: Gender, Religion, and Politics

Chair: Lihi Ben Shitrit

15.10-15.25

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Back for the Future: The Temporal Logics of Religious Women's Struggles against Patriarchy, Racism and Religious-Nationalism in Israel

15.25-15.55: Discussion

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16.00-16.15

Mahmoud Jaraba, Max Planck Institute / Erlangen Centre for Islam and Law in Europe

The Right of Muslim Middle Eastern Women to Islamic Divorce within Muslim Minority Contexts: The Socio-Religious Life of Khul

16.15-16.45: Discussion

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16.50-17.05

Pinar Dokumaci, Queen's University

Possibilities for Change: Feminist Activism, Relational Re-imagination, and the Radical Political Disagreement between Secular Feminists and Pious Feminists in Turkey

17.05-17.35: Discussion

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17.40-17.55

Ebtesam Barakat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ultra-Conservative Religiosity and the Negotiation over Women's Quality Employment: The Case of Druze Professional Women

17.55-18.25: Discussion

18.30-18.45: Closing

May 21

15.00-15.10 – Introduction

Session I: Gender and IR/Foreign Policy

Chair: Ellen Lust

15.10-15.25

Valentine M. Moghadam, Northeastern University
The Gendered Politics of US-Iran Relations

15.25-15.55: Discussion

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16.00-16.15

Ora Szekely, Clark University
Women in the Syrian Uprising

16.15-16.45: Discussion

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Summer Forester, Carleton College
Agitating for Change when Security takes Precedence: Militarism and Feminist Mobilization in the Middle East

17.05-17.35: Discussion

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17.40-17.55

Isis Nusair, Denison University
Gendered Narratives of Crossing of Syrian Refugee Women in Germany

17.55-18.25: Discussion

18.25-19.00: Plenary Closing (Sessions I & II) – next steps and thanks

May 21

Session II: Gender and Authoritarian Politics II

Chair: Yuree Noh

15.10-15.25

Tuba Kanci, Kocaeli University & Marie Carlson, University of Gothenburg (non-presenting co-author)

Democracy in the Making: Enactments of Women and Women's Social Movements in Turkey

15.25-15.55: Discussion

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16.00-16.15

Lihi Ben Shitrit, University of Georgia

Femonationalism in Israel/Palestine: When "Women's Rights" and Right-Wing Agendas Ally

16.15-16.45: Discussion

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Mounira Charrad, University of Texas

How Feminists Survive Authoritarianism: Examples from Tunisia

17.05-17.35: Discussion

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17.40-17.55

Gamze Cavdar, Colorado State University

What is in a Joke? Humor, Affect, and Women's Collective Action in Turkey and Egypt

(co-authored with Nermin Allam, Rutgers University)

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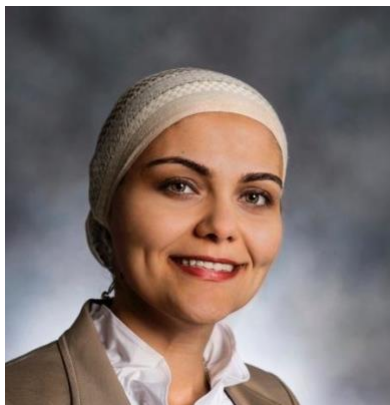
Participant Biographies



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Marwa Shalaby is an assistant professor in the departments of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Shalaby's work focuses on the intersection of the politics of authoritarianism, and women in politics. Her research also explicates the micro-dynamics and outcomes of electoral institutions under competitive authoritarianism, mainly in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Shalaby's work has appeared in *Comparative Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *the Middle East Journal* and *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. She has co-authored an edited volume, *The Evolving Role of Women after the Arab Spring*, with Valentine Moghadam (2016). Shalaby is currently working on a book manuscript on gender and authoritarian politics in MENA.



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Lena Wängnerud is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. Her research focuses on representative democracy, with particular focus on issues of women's political influence and gender equality. She has also written extensively on gender and corruption, and gender and anxiety. She has published in the *Annual Review of Political Science*, *European Political Science Review*, *Gender & Politics*, *Governance*, *Party Politics*, and *Scandinavian Political Studies*.



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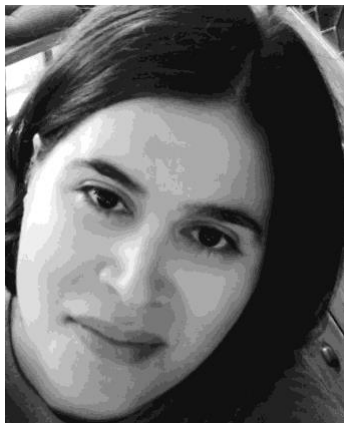
Alex is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University. She was a Post-Doctoral Associate at New York University - Abu Dhabi in 2019-2020 and completed her Ph.D. at Stanford University in 2019. Her research is motivated by a broad interest in the politics of the Middle East, including the politics of gender, political party development, the evolution of authoritarian institutions, and the development of and appeal to religious identities in the political sphere.



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Aytuğ Şaşmaz is a PhD candidate in the Government Department at Harvard University and a research fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Middle East Initiative. His dissertation explores organization-building and electoral performance of secular-modernist parties in the Middle East and North Africa. In other research projects, he focuses on social welfare policies in the contexts of ethnic and organizational diversity, political participation, and democratic backsliding, primarily in the MENA region. Şaşmaz holds a BA in Political Science from Boğaziçi University and an MSc in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics.



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Carla Abdo-Katsipis is a visiting Assistant Professor of government and public policy at Wesleyan University. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland in 2016. Her research interests are in gender politics, Middle Eastern studies, and conflict. As a methodologist, she uses both ethnographic and survey data research methods. She is currently conducting research on the sex-trafficking of Syrian refugees in the Middle East.

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Carrie Reiling is an assistant professor of political science and international studies at Washington College. Her research is situated at the intersection of global governance, economic development and inequality, human security, feminist theory, and African studies. Her book manuscript in progress, titled *Sustaining Peace: Human Development, Economic Empowerment, and Discourses of Women's Security*, uncovers the simultaneous projects of security, economic development, and peacebuilding that stem from the UN Security Council's

Women, Peace, and Security agenda. She is also the Academic Network Coordinator of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

Carolyn Barnett

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Carolyn Barnett is a Ph.D. candidate in politics at Princeton University. Her research focuses on how public opinion, social norms, and behavior in the Middle East and North Africa evolve in response to women's rights reforms and other social policies. Her dissertation uses original quantitative and qualitative data to examine pathways for positive and negative policy feedback at the institutional and micro levels in Morocco in the aftermath of women's rights reforms. Carolyn held a Fulbright scholarship to Morocco in 2018-2019 for dissertation

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Hind Ahmed Zaki is an assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington. She is a comparativist who focuses on feminist theories of the state, women's rights movements, and qualitative research methods in the Middle East and North Africa. Her current research analyzes how historical constructions of women's rights, as represented in institutions and narratives of state feminism, shaped feminist mobilization in the course of the

Arab Spring, resulting in surprisingly empowering episodes of legal and political mobilization for women's rights. Her broader research interests include understanding different models of state feminism in the region and how they influenced the history and development and agenda of feminist movements in the Arab world.



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Isis Nusair is an Associate Professor of International Studies & Women's and Gender Studies at Denison University. She is the co-editor with Rhoda Kanaaneh of *Displaced at Home: Ethnicity and Gender Among Palestinians in Israel*, and translator of *Ever Since I Did Not Die* by Ramy Al-Asheq. Isis is the co-writer/director with Laila Farah of *Weaving the Maps: Tales of Survival and Resistance*. She is currently editing an anthology with Barbara Shaw on feminist collaborations in teaching and learning. Her research focuses on Iraqi women refugees in Jordan and the USA, Palestinian and Syrian

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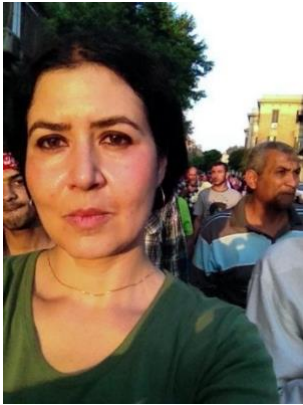
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Maria Frederika Malmström is an Associate Professor at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, where she runs a collaborative 5-year research project: *The Materiality of Suspicion and the Ambiguity of the Familiar: Nigerian and Egyptian Cityscapes* together with Professor Mark LeVine, and Assistant Professors Ulrika Trovalla and Eric Trovalla. In 2018, she began the 3-year research project: *Making and Unmaking Masculinities and Religious Identities through the Politics of the Ear in Egypt*. She is currently a Visiting Research Scholar in the Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York City. Malmström is the author of *The Streets Are Talking to Me: Affective Fragments in Sisi's Egypt* (University of California Press, 2009).



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