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Women's Rights Research Seminar
*Gendered Paradoxes of Socio-political Transformations in
the Arab World After 2011*



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This paper focuses on the success of women protesters in raising violence against women as a legitimate public concern during the Arab uprisings and how, paradoxically, this enabled the appropriation of this issue by counter-revolutionary actors. In other words, women's rights, particularly rights to bodily integrity, constitute both a gain of the Arab uprisings but also a part of the story of the defeat of the Arab uprisings. I trace this paradox to the historical relationship of gender to modernity and the latter's contradictory impulses between order and emancipation in the context of state-building in the Arab world.



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