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Syllabus

Nom de l'enseignant :
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Titre de l'enseignement :
GENDER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Prérequis :

Introduction – 1500 signes au maximum :

The aim of the course is to integrate a gender perspective in the studies of societies and politics in the Middle East. It will provide a gendered understanding of key issues such as citizenship, identity building, family/kinship, social movements and conflicts. This approach is based on historical and sociological perspectives that place gender at the core of Middle East studies. The course is based on two methods: (1) a theoretical framework setting the basis of gender studies in the Middle East, (2) an analysis of case studies and topical issues in order to understand the place of women and gender in the current transformations of societies and political regimes in the Middle East.

Programme des séances (contenu et objectifs pédagogiques) :

Pour chacune des 12 séances : présentation du thème général, de la(les) thématique(s), textes de référence, lectures préparatoires, exercices) :

Séance 1 : Introduction

- Definitions of « gender »
- Representing gender relationships in the Middle East studies : from Orientalism to post-colonial studies

Séance 2 : Gender, family and kinship

- Theories on family, kinship, patriarchy/patrilinearity/patrilocality
- Gender and matrimonial strategies

Texte 1: Deniz Kandiyoti, “Bargaining with Patriarchy”, *Gender and Society*, vol. 2, n°3, 1988, p.282-289

Texte 2: Judith Tucker, “Arab family in history: “Otherness” and the study of the family”, in Judith Tucker (ed.), *Arab women: old boundaries, new frontiers*, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1993, p.195-207.

Texte 3: Lila Abu Lughod, “The Romance of Resistance: Tracing Transformations of Power through Bedouin Women”, *American Ethnologist*, n°17, 1990, p.41–55.

Séance 3 : Gender, religion, nation

- Gender in Islam, Judaism, Christianity : theories and social practices
- Religion, tradition/modernity and historical constructions of social practices
- Gender and family code/personal status issues

Texte 1: Barbara F. Stowasser, “Women’s Issues in Modern Islamic Thought”, in Judith Tucker (ed.), *Women and Arab Society: Old Boundaries and New Frontiers*, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1993, p.3-28.

Texte 2: Deniz Kandiyoti, “Islam, Modernity and the Politics of Gender”, in Mohammad Khalid Masud, Martin Van Bruinessen, Armando Salvatore (eds.), *Islam and Modernity, Key Issues and Debates*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009, p.91-124.

Séance 4 : Female/Male and sexual identities

- Construction of female and male identities
- Public policies and gender identities

Texte 1: Fatima Mernissi, “Virginty and Patriarchy”, in Fatima Mernissi, *Women’s Rebellion and Islamic Memory*, London, Zed Books, 1996, p.34-45.

Texte 2: Evelyne Accad, “Sexuality and Sexual Politics: Conflicts and Contradictions for Contemporary Women in the Middle East”, in Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Ann Russo and Lourdes Torres (eds.), *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991, p.237-250.

Séance 5 : Gender and public/private spheres

- Construction and mobility of social boundaries
- Public/private in nomadic societies
- Public/private in colonial system

Texte 1: Cynthia Nelson, “Public and Private Politics: Women in the Middle Eastern World”, *American Ethnologist*, vol.1, Issue 3, 1974, p.551-563.

Texte 2: Suad Joseph, “The Public/Private: the Imagined Boundary in the Imagined Nation/State/Community: The Lebanese Case”, *Feminist Review*, n°57, Autumn 1997, p.73-92.

Séance 6 : Gender, state and citizenship

- Gender and citizenship
- Reforms and gender policies

Texte 1: Suad Joseph, “Gendering Citizenship in the Middle East”, in Suad Joseph (ed.), *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000, p. 3-33.

Texte 2: Soraya Altorki, “The Concept and Practice of Citizenship in Saudi Arabia”, in Suad Joseph (ed.), *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000.

Séance 7 : Gender and politics in the Middle East

- Gender and nation : feminism, nationalism, gender in national and religious movements
- Gender, Politics, Power and Domination
- Women, secularity and religion

Texte 1: Amal Sabbagh, “The Arab States: Enhancing Women’s Political Participation”, in Julie Ballington, Azza Karam (eds.), *Women in Parliament: beyond Numbers*, Stockholm: International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, 2005.

Texte 2: Nahla Abdo, “Nationalism and Feminism: Palestinian Women and the Intifada- No Going Back?”, in Valentine Moghadam (ed.), *Gender and National Identity: Women and Politics in Muslim Societies*, London: Zed Books, 1994, p.148-169.

Séance 8 : Feminisms

- Feminist thinkers and discourses in the Middle East
- Feminism and post-colonialism
- Political/Religious feminisms: Islamic feminism in Iran and Orthodox feminism in Israel

Texte 1: Margot Badran, “Understanding Islam, Islamism, and Islamic Feminism”, *Journal of Women's History*, vol. 13, n°1, Spring 2001, p. 47-52.

Texte 2: Saba Mahmood, “Feminist Theory, Embodiment and the Docile Agent: Some Reflections on the Egyptian Islamic Revival”, *Cultural Anthropology*, 6(2), 2001, p.202-236.

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Séance 9 : Gender, organizations and international aid

- Women’s organizations : from charity to empowerment
- Professionalization and critics on depoliticization of women’s movements
- Gender, democratization and development programs in the Middle East

Texte 1: Valentine Moghadam, “Women’s NGOs in the Middle East and North Africa: Constraints, Opportunities, and Priorities”, in Dawn Chatty, Annika Rabo (eds.), *Organizing Women: formal and informal women’s groups in the Middle East*, Oxford, New York: Berg, 1997, p.23-55.

Texte 2: Islah Jad, (2004) “The NGOisation of Arab Women’s Movements”.

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Séance 10 : Economic activities and women's work

- Gender issues in the labor market
- Gender, migrations and domestic work
- Gender in informal economies

Texte 1: Annelies Moors, Marina de Regt, “Migrant domestic workers in the Middle East”, in Marlou Schrover, Joanne van der Leun, Leo Lucassen, Chris Quispel (eds.), *Illegal Migration and Gender in a Global and Historical Perspective*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2008, p.151-170.

Texte 2: Zafiris Tzannatos, Iqbal Kaur, “Women in the MENA Labor Market: An Eclectic Survey”, in Eleanor Abdella Doumato, Marsha Pripstein Posusney (eds.), *Women and Globalization in the Arab Middle East: Gender, Economy and Society*, Colorado: Lynne Reiner Publishers, 2003, p.55-72.

Séance 11 : Gender, violences and conflicts

- Gender issues in conflict zones
- Gender, masculinities and violence
- Women in peace building and coexistence programmes

Texte 1: Lila Abu Lughod, “Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and Its Others”, *American Anthropologist*, 104 (3), 2002, p.783-790.

Texte 2: Ali Nadje, “Reconstructing Gender: Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, War, Sanctions and Occupation”, *Third World Quarterly*, vol.26, n°4-5, 2005, p.739-758.

Texte 3: Simona Sharoni, “Gendering Conflict and Peace in Israel/Palestine and the North of Ireland”, *Millenium: Journal of International Studies*, n°27, n°4, 1997.

Séance 12: Conference

Présentation des modalités d'évaluation :

The course will consist of lectures, class discussions and student presentations.

Each weekly session will be divided in three parts: (1) a general introduction of the course, (2) an oral presentation by a student on one text (lecture notes), (3) a lecture by a student on theoretical issues or current topics.

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