

Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa, WMST345-01/INTL200-01
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Course Description

This course investigates contemporary feminist thinking and practice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and provides students with the ability to understand, critique, and comparatively analyze the politics of gender in the MENA region. The class covers current debates on the status of women, and closely examines the processes by which the private/public lives of women are gendered. It addresses women's visibility in society and the development or lack thereof of women's and feminist movements. The main themes covered in the course include colonization, women and the state, citizenship, nationalism, religion, sexuality, representation, development, militarization, human rights, and women's movements. The course focuses on the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia. The class is interdisciplinary and uses feminist pedagogy to challenge orientalist, monolithic, and Eurocentric notions of studying the region and particularly the status of women. It gives equal weight to theory and practice and draws on writings by local and global activists and theorists.

Class Requirements

Students in addition to reading the course material, attending screening sessions, and participating in class discussions will monitor at least one media outlet and trace the representation of women and gender in the Middle East and North Africa. The course requirements also include one group project and one class presentation, 4 short papers, and a final research paper. The final research paper constitutes 30% of the evaluation, the short papers constitute 48% of the evaluation, group project and class presentation constitute 12% of the evaluation, and class participation constitutes 10% of the evaluation. Separate guidelines for these assignments will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Policies

- **Plagiarism:** Students and faculty at Denison University and the Departments of International Studies and Women's Studies are committed to academic integrity and will not tolerate any violation of this principle. Academic honesty is the cornerstone of teaching and learning. Academic dishonesty is, in most cases, intellectual theft. It includes, but is not limited to, providing or receiving assistance in a manner not authorized by the instructor in the creation of work to be submitted for evaluation. This standard applies to all work ranging from daily homework assignments to major exams. Students must clearly cite any sources consulted, not only for quoted phrases but also for ideas and information that are not common knowledge. Neither ignorance nor carelessness is an acceptable defense in cases of plagiarism. It is the student's responsibility to follow the appropriate citation format. As is indicated in Denison's Student Handbook, available through www.mydenison.edu, instructors must refer every act of academic dishonesty to the Associate Provost, and violations may result in failure in the course, suspension, or expulsion. See:

<http://www.denison.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/article7.html>

- **Disability:** Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately as soon as possible to discuss his or her

specific needs. I rely on the Academic Support & Enrichment Center in 104 Doane to verify the need for reasonable accommodations based on documentation on file in that office.

- **Attendance:** You are expected to attend class regularly. More than three absences during the semester will seriously affect your final grade.
- **Evaluation:** Please note that students are required to write midterm and final evaluations of their performance in the class.
- **Printing:** All class material should be printed double-sided in order to save on paper and protect the environment.

Course Material

- Reading material will be available at the bookstore and on ERES. Various handouts and supplementary material will be distributed in class and posted on Blackboard.

Required Books

- Ahmed, Leila. 1992. *Women and Gender in Islam*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Al-Ali, Nadje. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*. London: Zed Books.
- Barakat, Hoda. 2006. *Stone of Laughter*. Massachusetts: Interlink Books.
- Joseph, Suad, ed. 2000. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Lazreg, Marnia. 1994. *The Eloquence of Silence: Algerian Women in Question*. London: Routledge.

Recommended Books

- Abdo, Nahla and Ronit Lentin, eds. 2002. *Women and Politics of Military Confrontation: Palestinian and Israeli Gendered Narratives of Dislocation*. New York: Berghahn Books.
- Afkhami, Mahnaz, ed. 1995. *Faith and Freedom: Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Afkhami, Mahnaz, and Erika Friedl, eds. 1997. *Muslim Women and the Politics of Participation: Implementing the Beijing Platform*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Afshar, Haleh, ed. 1993. *Women in the Middle East: Perceptions, Realities and Struggles for Liberation*. London: Macmillan Press Ltd.
- Afsaruddin, Asma, ed. 1999. *Hermeneutics and Honor: Negotiation Female "Public" Space in Islamic/ate Societies*. Harvard Center For Middle Eastern Studies: Harvard University Press.
- Ansari, Sarah and Vanessa Martin, eds. 2002. *Women, Religion and Culture in Iran*. Great Britain: Curzon Press.
- Badran, Margot. 1995. *Feminists, Islam and Nation: Gender and the Making of Modern Egypt*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Chatty, Dawn, and Annika Rabo, eds. 1997. *Organizing Women: Formal and Informal Women's Groups in the Middle East*. Oxford: Berg.
- Fleischmann, Ellen. 2003. *The Nation and Its 'New' Women: The Palestinian Women's Movement, 1920-1948*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Hasso, Frances. 2005. *Resistance, Repression, and Gender Politics in Occupied Palestine and Jordan*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Handal, Nathalie, ed. 2001. *The Poetry of Arab Women: A Contemporary Anthology*. New York: Interlink Books.
- Howland, Courtney, ed. 2001. *Religious Fundamentalisms and the Human Rights of Women*. New York: Palgrave Press.

- Husain, Sarah. 2006. *Voices of Resistance: Muslim Women on War, Faith & Sexuality*. California: Seal Press.
- Ilkkaracan, Pinar, ed. 2000. *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies*. Turkey: Women for Women's Human Rights.
- Kanaaneh, Rhoda. 2002. *Birth of the Nation: Strategies of Palestinian Women in Israel*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Kandiyoti, Deniz, ed. 1996. *Gendering the Middle East: Emerging Perspectives*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Majaj, Lisa Suheir, Paula W. Sunderman, and Therese Saliba, eds. 2002. *Gender, Nation, and Community in Arab Women's Novels*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Mayer, Tamar, ed. 1994. *Women and the Israeli Occupation: The Politics of Change*. London: Routledge.
- Naciri, Rabea, and Isis Nusair. 2003. *The Integration of Women's Rights from the Middle East and North Africa into the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership*. Denmark: Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network.
- Nashat, Guity, and Judith Tucker. 1999. *Women in the Middle East and North Africa: Restoring Women to History*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.
- Nourai-Simone, Fereshteh, ed. 2005. *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in The Global Era*. New York: The Feminist Press.
- *Al-Raida Magazine: Arab Women's Movements*. 2003. Beirut: Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University, XX (100).
- Sabbagh, Suha, ed. 1998. *Palestinian Women of Gaza and the West Bank*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.
- Sabbagh, Suha, ed. 1996. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*. New York: Olive Branch Press.
- Sa'di, Ahmad and Lila Abu-Lughod. 2007. *Nakba: Palestine, 1948, and the Claims of Memory*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Saliba, Therese, Carolyn Allen, and Judith A. Howard, eds. 2002. *Gender, Politics and Islam*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Sharoni, Simona. 1995. *Gender and the Israeli Palestinian Conflict: The Politics of Women's Resistance*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.
- Sonbol, Amira El-Azhary. 2005. *Beyond the Exotic: Women's Histories in Islamic Societies*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Tucker, Judith, ed. 1993. *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Yamani, Mai, ed. 1996. *Feminisms & Islam: Legal and Literary Perspectives*. New York: New York University Press.

Films

- *About Baghdad*, Sinan Antoon, Bassam Haddad, Maya Mikdashi, Suzy Salamy, Adam Shapiro, 2004, 90 minutes.
- *The Battle of Algiers*, Gillo Pontecorvo, 1988, 123 minutes.
- *The Circle*, Jafar Panahi, 2000, 87 minutes.
- *A Civilized People*, Randa Chahal Sabbag, 1999, 97 minutes.
- *Four Women of Egypt*, Tahani Rached, 1999, 90 minutes.
- *Frontline: Truth, War, and Consequences*, PBS, 2003, 90 minutes.
- *Iraqi Women: Voices from Exile*, Maysoon Pachachi, 1994, 54 minutes.
- *Measures of Distance*, Mona Hatoum, 1988, 15 minutes.
- *Soraida: Woman of Palestine*, Tahani Rached, 2004, 52 minutes.
- *Wedding in Galilee*, Michel Khleifi, 1987, 113 minutes.
- *Winter in Baghdad*, Javier Corcuera, 2006, 78 minutes.

Class Schedule

August 27th: Introduction, Housekeeping and Course Outline

- Why women and gender in the Middle East and North Africa?

August 29th: Current Debates on Women and Gender in MENA

- Tucker, Judith. 1993. "Introduction." In Judith Tucker, ed. *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers*, vii-xviii
- Sabbagh, Suha. 1996. "Introduction: The Debate on Arab Women." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, xi-xxvii.
- Graham-Brown, Sarah. 1996. "Women and Politics in the Middle East." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, 3-9.
- Khalidi, Ramla and Tucker, Judith. 1996. "Women's Rights in the Arab World." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, 9-18.

Recommended reading:

- Afsaruddin, Asma. 1999. "Introduction: The Hermeneutic of Gendered Space and Discourse." In Asma Afsaruddin, ed. *Hermeneutics and Honor: Negotiating Female "Public" Space in Islamic/ate Societies*, 1-28.
- Saliba, Therese. 2002. "Introduction: Gender, Politics, and Islam." In Therese Saliba, Therese, Carolyn Allen, and Judith A. Howard eds. *Gender, Politics and Islam*, 1-13.
- Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. 1991. "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses." In Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Ann Russo, and Lourdes Torres, eds. *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*, 51-80.
- Abu-Lughod, Lila. 1998. "Introduction: Feminist Longings and Postcolonial Conditions." In Lila Abu-Lughod, ed. *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*, 3-31.
- Kandiyoti, Deniz. 1996. "Contemporary Feminist Scholarship and Middle East Studies." In Deniz Kandiyoti, ed. *Gendering the Middle East: Emerging Perspective*, 1-28.

September 3rd: Orientalism, Veiling and the Representation of the Other

- Abu-Lughod, Lila. 2002. "Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and Its Others." *American Anthropologist* 104(3), 783-790.
- Hatem, Mervat. 2003. "Discourses on the 'War on Terrorism' in the U.S. and its Views of the Arab, Muslim, and Gendered 'Other.'" *Arab Studies Journal* 6(2)/7(1), 77-97.

Recommended reading:

- Said, Edward. 1978. "Introduction." *Orientalism*, 1-28.
- Mehdid, Malika. 1993. "A Western Invention of Arab Womanhood: The 'Oriental' Female." In Haleh Afshar, ed. *Women in the Middle East: Perceptions, Realities and Struggles for Liberation*, 18-58.
- Abu-Lughod, Lila. 2001. "Orientalism and Middle East Feminist Studies." *Feminist Studies* 27 (1):101-113.
- Ahmed, Leila. 2005. "The Veil Debate – Again." In Fereshteh Nouriaie-Simone, ed. *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in the Global Era*, 153-171.
- Macleod, Arlene Elowe. 1991. *Accommodating Protest: Working Women, the New Veiling, and Change in Cairo*, 1-21, 125-141, and 142-163.
- Russo, Ann. 2006. "The Feminist Majority Foundation's Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid - The Intersection of Feminism and Imperialism in the United States." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 8(4), 557-580.

September 5th: Gender and Colonization - The Case of Egypt

- Ahmed, Leila. 1992. *Women and Gender in Islam*, 127-143 and 144-168.

September 10th: Gender and Decolonization – The Case of Egypt

- Leila Ahmed. 1992. *Women and Gender in Islam*, 169-188.

Recommended reading:

- Badran, Margot. 1995. *Feminist, Islam and Nation: Gender and the Making of Modern Egypt*, 75-88.
- **Group project due**

September 12th: Gender and Colonization - The Case of Algeria

- Lazreg, Marnia. 1994. *The Eloquence of Silence: Algerian Women in Question*, 36-50 and 51-79.

Recommended reading:

- Lazreg, Marnia. 1994. *The Eloquence of Silence: Algerian Women in Question*, 6-19, 80-97, and 98-117.

September 17th: Gender and Decolonization – The Case of Algeria

- Lazreg, Marnia. 1994. *The Eloquence of Silence: Algerian Women in Question*, 118-141.

Recommended reading:

- Bouatta, Cherifa. 1994. "Feminine Militancy: Moujahidate during and after the Algerian War." In Valentine Moghadam, ed. *Gender and National Identity: Women and Politics in Muslim Societies*, 18-39.

September 19th: Iraqi Women – Living in the Diaspora

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*, 1-13, 14-55.

September 24th: Living with the Revolution

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*, 56-108.
- **Paper #1 due**

September 26th: Living with the Ba’th

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*, 109-146.

Recommended reading:

- Joseph, Suad. 1991. "Elite Strategies for State-Building: Women, Family, Religion and State in Iraq and Lebanon." In Deniz Kandiyoti, ed. *Women, Islam and the State*, 176-200.
- Ismael, Jacqueline, and Shereen Ismael. 2000. "Gender and State in Iraq." In Joseph Suad ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 185-211.

October 1st: Living with War and Sanctions

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*, 147-170, 171-213.

Recommended reading:

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2005. "Reconstructing Gender: Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, War, Sanctions and Occupation." *Third World Quarterly* 26 (4-5): 739-758.

October 3rd: Living with the Occupation

- Al-Ali, Nadjie. 2007. *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*, 214-259, 260-271.

Recommended reading:

- Al-Ali, Nadjie, and Nicola Pratt. 2006. "Women in Iraq: Beyond the Rhetoric." *MERIP* 239, 18-23.
- Excerpts from Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch 2003 reports on violence against women and girls in Iraq.

October 8th: Gender and Citizenship

- Joseph, Suad. 2000. "Gendering Citizenship in the Middle East." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 3-30.

October 10th: Gender, Nation and the State - The Case of Saudi Arabia

- Altorki, Soraya. 2000. "The Concept and Practice of Citizenship in Saudi Arabia." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 215-236.

Recommended reading:

- Tetreault, Mary Ann and Haya Al-Mughni. 2000. "Citizenship, Gender, and the Politics of Quasi States." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 237-260.
- Tetreault, Mary Ann and Haya Al-Mughni. 2000. "From Subjects to Citizens: Women and the Nation in Kuwait." In Sita Ranchod-Nilsson and Mary Ann Tetreault, eds. *Women, States and Nationalism: At Home in the Nation?* 143-163.
- Tetreault, Mary Ann. 1994. "Whose Honor? Whose Liberation? Women and the Reconstruction of Politics in Kuwait." In Mary Ann Tetreault, ed. *Women and Revolution in Africa, Asia and the New World*, 297-315.
- **Paper # 2 due**

October 15th: Gender, Nation and the State – The Case of Lebanon

- Joseph, Suad. 2000. "Civic Myths, Citizenship and Gender in Lebanon." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 107-136.

Recommended reading:

- Amawi, Abla. 2000. "Gender and Citizenship in Jordan." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 158-184.

October 17th: Islamic Feminisms

- Moghadam, Valentine. 2002. "Islamic Feminisms and its Discontents: Towards a Resolution of the Debate." In Therese Saliba, Carolyn Allen, and Judith A. Howard, eds. *Gender, Politics and Islam*, 15-51.

Recommended reading:

- Mir-Hosseini, Ziba. 2002. "Islam, Women and Civil Rights: The Religious Debate in the Iran of the 1990s." In Sarah Ansari and Vanessa Martin, eds. *Women, Religion and Culture in Iran*, 169-188.
- Kian-Thiebaut, Azadeh, 2002. "From Islamization to the Individualization of Women in Post-revolutionary Iran." In Sarah Ansari and Vanessa Martin, eds. *Women, Religion and Culture in Iran*, 127-142.
- Torab Azam. 2002. "The Politicization of Women's Religious Circles in Post-Revolutionary Iran." In Sarah Ansari and Vanessa Martin, eds. *Women, Religion and Culture in Iran*, 143-168.
- Fathi, Asghar. 2002. "Communities in Place and Communities in Space: Globalization and Feminism in Iran." In Sarah Ansari and Vanessa Martin, eds. *Women, Religion and Culture in Iran*, 215-224.
- Jad, Islah. 2005. "Between Religion and Secularism: Islamist Women of Hamas." In Fereshteh Nouriaie-Simone, ed. *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in The Global Era*, 172-198.

- Mahmood, Saba. 2005. "Feminist Theory, Agency, and the Liberatory Subject." In Fereshteh Nouraei-Simone, ed. *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in The Global Era*, 111-152.
- Hatem, Mervat. 1993. "Toward the Development of Post-Islamist and Post Nationalist Feminist Discourses in the Middle East." In Judith Tucker, ed. *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers*, 29-48.
- Badran, Margot. 2005. "Between Secular and Islamic Feminism/s: Reflections on the Middle East and Beyond," *JMEWS* 1(1), 6-28.
- Helie-Lucas, Marie-Aimee. 2001. "What is your Tribe? Women's Struggles and the Construction of Muslimness." In Courtney Howland, ed. *Religious Fundamentalisms and the Human Rights of Women*, 21-32
- Stowasser, Barbara. 1993. "Women's Issues in Modern Islamic Thought." In Judith Tucker, ed. *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontier*, 3-28.
- Yamani, Mai. 1996. "Introduction," in Mai Yamani, ed. *Feminisms & Islam: Legal and Literary Perspectives*, 1-27.
- Nafisi, Azar. 2001. "Tales of Subversion: Women Challenging Fundamentalism in the Islamic Republic of Iran." In Courtney Howland, ed. *Religious Fundamentalisms and the Human Rights of Women*, 257-267.
- Yuval Davis, Nira. 2001. "The Personal is Political: Jewish Fundamentalism and Women's Empowerment." In Courtney Howland ed. *Religious Fundamentalisms and the Human Rights of Women*, 33-42.

October 22nd: Sexuality and the Writing of Women's Bodies

- Ilkharacan, Pinar. 2002/2003. "Women, Sexuality and Social Change in the Middle East and the Maghreb." *Al-Raida X* (99): 12-22.
- Al-Dawla, Aida. 2000. "The Story of the FGM Task Force: An Ongoing Campaign against Female Genital Mutilation." In Pinar Ilkharacan, ed. *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies*, 343-362.
- Akhadar Assfar. 2000. "Lesbians in Jordan: Yet We Exist." In Pinar Ilkharacan, ed. *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies*, 283-284.

Recommended reading:

- Ahmed, Leila. 2000. "Arab Culture and Writing Women's Bodies." In Pinar Ilkharacan, ed. *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies*, 51-66.
- Ahmed, Leila. 1982. "Western Ethnocentrism and Perceptions of the Harem." *Feminist Studies* 8 (3): 522-534.
- Kanaaneh, Rhoda. 2002. *Birthing the Nation: Strategies of Palestinian Women in Israel*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Peteet, Julie. 1999. "Gender and Sexuality: Belonging to the National and Moral Order." In Asma Afsaruddin, ed. *Hermeneutics and Honor: Negotiating Female "Public" Space in Islamic/ate Societies*, 70-88.
- Moore, Tracy. 1995. "Introduction." In Tracy Moore, ed. *Lesbiot: Israeli Lesbians Talk about Sexuality, Feminism, Judaism and Their Lives*, 1-20.

October 24th: The Stone of Laughter

- Read pages 3-104 of Hoda Barakat's *The Stone of Laughter*.

Recommended reading:

- Majaj, Lisa Suheir, Paula W. Sunderman, and Therese Saliba. 2002. "Introduction." In *Gender, Nation, and Community in Arab Women's Novels*, xvii-xxx.
- Abu Ghazaleh, Ilham. 1998. "Gender in the Poetry of the Intifada." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Palestinian Women of Gaza and the West Bank*, 91-113.

- Cooke, Miriam. 1993. "WO-man Retelling the War Myth." In Miriam Cooke and Angela Woollacott, eds. *Gendering War Talk*, 177-204.
- Kanaana, Sharif. 1998. "Women of the Legends of the Intifada." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Palestinian Women of Gaza and the West Bank*, 114-135.
- Jayyusi, Salma Khadra. 2002. "Modernist Arab Women Writers: A Historical Overview." In Lisa Suheir Majaj, Paula W. Sunderman, and Therese Saliba, eds. *Gender, Nation, and Community in Arab Women's Novels*, 1-30.

October 29th:

- Read pages 105-209 of Hoda Barakat's *The Stone of Laughter*.
- Fayad, Mona. 2002. "Passing as Masculine in Barakat's Stone of Laughter," in. Lisa Suheir Majaj, Paula W. Sunderman, and Therese Saliba, eds. *Gender, Nation, and Community in Arab Women's Novels*, 162-179.

Recommended reading:

- Nourai-Simone, Fereshteh. 2005. "Wings of Freedom: Iranian Women, Identity, and Cyberspace." In Fereshteh Nourai-Simone, ed. *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in The Global Era*, 61-79.
- Elsadda, Hoda. 2007. "Imagining the New Man: Gender and Nation in Arab Literary Narratives in the Early Twentieth Century." *JMEWS* 3(2), 31-55.
- Yaqub, Nadia. 2007. "The Palestinian Cinematic Wedding." *JMEWS* 3(2), 56-85.

October 31: Women's Human Rights - Violence against Women

- Bennoune, Karima. 1995. "S.O.S. Algeria: Women's Human Rights Under Siege." In Mahnaz Afkhami, ed. *Faith and Freedom: Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World*, 184-208.
- Slyomovics, Susan. 2005. "The Argument from Silence: Morocco's Truth Commission and the Women Political Prisoners." *JMEWS* 1(3), 73-95.

Recommended reading:

- Hessini, Leila. 1996. *Living on a Fault line: Political Violence against Women in Algeria*. New York: The Population Council and UNIFEM.
- Mayer, Ann Elizabeth. 1995. "Rhetorical Strategies and official Policies on Women's Rights: the Merits and Drawbacks of the New World Hypocrisy." In Mahnaz Afkhami, ed. *Faith and Freedom: Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World*, 104-132.
- Slymovics, Susan. 1996. "Hassiba Ben Bouali, If You Could See Our Algeria: Women and Public Space in Algeria." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, 211-220.
- **Paper #3 due**

November 5th: Gender, War and Militarization – The Case of Israel

- Sharoni, Simona. 1996. "Gender and the Israeli-Palestinian Accord: Feminist Approaches to International Politics." In Deniz Kandiyoti, ed. *Gendering the Middle East: Emerging Perspectives*, 107-126.
- Sharoni, Simona. 1994. "Homefront as Battlefield: Gender, Military Occupation and Violence against Women." In Tamar Mayer, ed. *Women and the Israeli Occupation: the Politics of Change*, 121-137.

Recommended reading:

- Herzog, Hanna. 2005. "From Gender to Genders: Feminists Read Women's Locations in Israeli Society." *Israeli Studies Forum* 20(2), 69-94.

- Golan, Galia. 1997. "Militarization and Gender: The Israeli Experience." *Women's Studies International Forum* 20(5/6), 581-586.
- Jacoby, Tami. 1999. "Gendered Nation: A History of the Interface of Women's Protest and Jewish Nationalism in Israel." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 1(3), 382-402.
- Sasson-Levy, Orna. 2002. "Constructing Identities at the Margins: Masculinities and Citizenship in the Israeli Army." *The Sociological Quarterly* 43(3), 357-383.
- Ferguson, Kathy. 1995. *Kibbutz Journal: Reflections on Gender, Race and Militarism in Israel*. California: Trilogy Books.
- Svirsky, Gila. 2002. "Feminist Peace Activism during the Al-Aqsa Intifada." In Nahla Abdo and Ronit Lentin, eds. *Women and the Politics of Military Confrontation: Palestinian and Israeli Gendered Narratives of Dislocation*, 234-248
- Swirski, Barbara. 2000. "The Citizenship of Jewish and Palestinian Arab Women in Israel." In Joseph Suad, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 314-344.
- Yuval-Davis, Nira. 1987. "Front and Rear: The sexual Division of Labor in the Israeli Army." In Haleh Afshar, ed. *Women, State and Ideology: Studies from Africa and Asia*, 186-204.

November 7th: Feminism, Nationalism and Militarism – The Case of Palestine

- Abdo, Nahla and Lentin, Ronit. 2002. "Writing Dislocation, Writing the Self: Bringing (Back) the Political into Gendered Israeli-Palestinian Dialoguing." In Nahla Abdo and Ronit Lentin, eds. *Women and the Politics of Military Confrontation: Palestinian and Israeli Gendered Narratives of Dislocation*, 1-36.
- Sayigh, Rosemary. 2007. "Product and Producer of Palestinian History: The Self in Camp Women's Life Stories." *JMEWS* 3(1): 86-105.

Recommended reading:

- Fleischmann, Ellen. 2003. *The Nation and Its "New" Women*, 3-23 and 24-62.
- Fleischmann, Ellen. 2003. *The Nation and Its "New" Women*, 95-114 and 115-136.
- Fleischmann, Ellen. 2003. *The Nation and Its "New" Women*, 137-175 and 176-210.
- Kuttab, Eileen. 1993. "Palestinian Women in the Intifada: Fighting on Two Fronts." *Arab Studies Quarterly* 15 (2): 95-123.
- Najjar, Orayb Aref. 2003. "Still 'A Difficult Journey Up the Mountain'? Palestinian Women's National versus Gender Politics 1919-2002." In M. Jacqui Alexander, Lisa Albrecht, Sharon Day, and Mab Segrest, eds. *Sing, Whisper, Shout, Pray! Feminist Visions for a Just World*, 181-211.
- Najjar, Orayb Aref. 1992. "Between Nationalism and Feminism: The Palestinian Answer." In Jill Bystydzienski, ed. *Women Transforming Politics Worldwide: Strategies for Empowerment*, 143-162.
- Abdo, Nahla. 1994. "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*, 148-170.
- Amiri, Anan. 1999. "Conflict in Peace: Challenges Confronting the Palestinian Women's Movement." In Asma Afsaruddin, ed. *Hermeneutics and Honor: Negotiation Female "Public" Space in Islamic/ate Societies*, 29-54.
- Giacaman, Rita. 2000. "The Women's Movement on the West Bank." In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, 127-136.
- Jad, Islah, Penny Johnson, and Rita Giacaman. 2002. "Gender and Citizenship under the Palestinian Authority." In Suad Joseph, ed. *Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East*, 137-157.

- "The Women's Document: A Tool for Women's Empowerment and Struggle: An Interview with Eileen Kuttub," 1996. In Suha Sabbagh, ed. *Arab Women: Between Defiance and Restraint*, 121-126.

November 12th: Mothering the Nation

- Peteet, Julie. 2002. "Icons and Militants: Mothering in the Danger Zone." In Therese Saliba, Carolyn Allen, and Judith A. Howard, eds. *Gender, Politics, and Islam*, 133-160.
- Zaatari, Zeina. 2006. "The Culture of Motherhood: An Avenue for Women's Civil Participation in South Lebanon." *JMEWS* 2(1), 33-64.

Recommended reading:

- Sayigh, Rosemary. 2007. "Women's Nakba Stories: Between Being and Knowing." In Sa'di, Ahmad and Lila Abu-Lughod, eds. *Nakba: Palestine, 1948, and the Claims of Memory*, 135-158.
- Humphries, Isabelle and Laleh Khalili. 2007. "Gender of Nakba Memory." In Sa'di, Ahmad and Lila Abu-Lughod, eds. *Nakba: Palestine, 1948, and the Claims of Memory*, 207-227.
- Hasso, Frances. 2005. "Discursive and Political Deployments by/of the 2002 Palestinian Women Suicide Bombers/Martyrs." *Feminist Review* 81:23-51.

November 14th: Gender, the Economy and Human Development

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