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Women and Protest Movements in the Middle East and North Africa: The Missing Links
June 19-20, 2014
York University, Toronto
Marmara University, Istanbul

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Thursday June 19

*10:00- Aylin Akpinar (Marmara University) Welcoming participants and introducing Professor Meral Unal, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Sciences.

*10:20 – Haideh Moghissi (York University, Toronto) Introduction

**10-30- 12:15. Session I: Prospects and obstacles to women’s political participation**

*Professor Deniz Kandiyoti (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and editor-in-chief of Central Asian Survey): ’Contesting patriarchy-as-governance: gender lessons from citizen-led activism’

11:15 coffee break

*Professor Marnia Lazreg (the Graduate Center and Hunter College, City University of New York):’ Post-2011 Possibilities for women’s participation in political renewal in Algeria and in the Middle East’

12:15 Lunch break

**1:30-4:00. Session II: Political engagements and transformation reimagined**

*Professor Eliz Sanasarian (University of Southern California): ’Beyond Theories, Terms, and Designations: Practical Politics on the Ground’

*Professor Mona Prince (Fiction writer and 2011 Egypt’s Presidential hopeful): ’From street protesting to a presidential hopeful: A personal testimony on women’s participation in the recent protest movement in Egypt’

3:00 Coffee Break

*Salam Hamdan (Deputy representative, Rosa Luxemburg regional Office, Ramallah): Introducing to the screening of “Bon Voyage!” A Palestinian Documentary on the experience of travelling under the occupation.

6:30 Reception hosted by the Swedish embassy in Istanbul

Friday June 20

**9:00-12:00 Session I. Complexities and contradictions of quest for gender democracy**

*Professor Amel Grami (University of Manouba/Tunis): ’Tunisian Women’s Rights in the Transition to Democracy: The Struggle for Social and Gender Justice Continues’

*Professor Fulya Atacan (Yıldız Technical University in Istanbul): ‘Islamist women and party politics in Turkey’

*Professor Sharifa Sharif (Seneca College, Toronto): ’Afghan Women: Rise of Resistance’

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*Professor Aylin Akpinar (Marmara University, Istanbul): ’Impacts of Neoliberal, Neoconservative and Patriarchal Trends on Family Policies in Turkey’

*Roja Ghahari (PhD candidate, York University, Toronto): ’Welfare and state power: Gender and Social Programs in the Islamic Republic’

3:00 coffee break

*Professor Haideh Moghissi (York University, Toronto): ’The dynamics and challenges of politics of gender in Iran’

6:30 Farwell dinner, Restaurant T.B.A