Women's Quests for Rights in the Middle East and North Africa: Contestations, Complexities, Contradiction



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plenary panels with

leading international scholars and activists

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What has come to be known as the "Arab Spring" is a remarkable turning point in the modern history of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Whatever the outcome of this regional, political earthquake, there is no turning back to the past in the countries that rose for democracy and social justice. However, there are plenty of signs of hard challenges ahead for women in MENA. This two-day conference will be a forum for scholars and activists in the field to analyze the potential of the Arab Spring for women.

Space is limited, so please register in advance.

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