

# CBRL-BRISMES RESEARCH NETWORK

## Women, Culture, and the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Egyptian Revolution

Workshop 15-17 November 2012  
“Women and Political Activism in Egypt”

Middle Eastern Studies  
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures  
The University of Manchester



# Programme

## DAY ONE

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

(11:00am-1:00pm – Venue: Lecture Theatre G32 –  
Humanities Bridgford Street Building)

11:00-11:15am – Welcome & Introductory Remarks – Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University) and Dr Dalia Mostafa (Manchester University)

11:15am-12:45pm – Panel: “The Legal System and the Woman’s Question”

Chair: Dr Michelle Obeid (Manchester University)

- Dr Nadine El Enany (Brunel University) – “Women and Legal Change: The Limitations of the Law as a Revolutionary Tool”
- Dr Aisha Khalil (Oregon State University) – “The Struggle for Constitutional Rights Continues: Women and the New Egyptian Constitution”
- Dr Solava Ibrahim (Manchester University) – “Women’s Activism at the Grassroots: The Case of anti-FGM Activists in Upper Egypt”

12:45-1:45pm – LUNCH BREAK

(1:45 – 6:00pm – Venue: Lecture Theatre 1.3 – Kilburn Building)

1:45-2:45pm – Keynote by Dr Hala Kamal (Cairo University): “The Ongoing Revolution: Towards Asserting Academic Freedoms and Women’s Rights in the Drafting of the New Egyptian Constitution”

Chair: Professor Mona Baker (Manchester University)

2:45-4:15pm – Panel: “Women and Various Forms of Political Activism in the Egyptian Revolution”

Chair: Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University)

- Dr Moyra Dale (Independent Scholar) and Dr Elisabeth Buergener (TBC): “Women’s Place?”
- Miss Sina Birkholz (Research Assistant – University of Bielefeld) – “Female Participation in the Egyptian Revolution: Dismantling the Patriarchal Bargain?”
- Dr Azzurra Meringolo (University of Rome 3) – “Revealing Revolutionaries: Female Faces in Midan el Tahrir”

4:15-4:45pm COFFEE & TEA BREAK

4:45-5:45pm – Keynote by Palestinian Writer Ibrahim Nasrallah: “The Role of Literature in Revolution”

Chair: Dr Dalia Mostafa (Manchester University)

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## **DAY TWO**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**(Venue – All Day: Lecture Theatre C.5.1 - Ellen Wilkinson Building)**

**10:00-12:00am – Panel: “Gender, Religion, and Political Activism in Egypt”**

**Chairs: Dr Anastasia Valassopoulos and Dr Hatsuki Aishima (Manchester University)**

- **Miss Passent Moussa (PhD student - Cairo University) – “Women’s Political Participation in Egypt and the Process of Democratisation in Light of the 2011 Revolution”**
- **Miss Eman El Menshawy (MSc – Aberdeen University): “Egyptian Women’s Participation in the Revolution: A Reconfiguration of *Qiwama*?”**
- **Miss Dina Wahba (MA - SOAS): “Gendering the Egyptian Revolution”**
- **Mrs Eman Maarek (Egyptian Human Rights Activist): “Women, Religion, and Political Change in Egypt”**

**12:00am-12:30pm – COFFEE & TEA BREAK**

**12:30-1:30pm - Keynote by Egyptian Journalist and Activist Miss Rasha Azab: “Women, Journalism, and the Revolution”**

**Chair: Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University)**

**1:30-2:30pm – LUNCH BREAK**

**2:30-3:30pm – Keynote by Dr Haifa Jawad (Birmingham University): “Women and the Arab Revolutions: Where Do We Go from Here?”**

**Chair: Professor Peter Pormann (Manchester University)**

**3:30-3:45pm SHORT BREAK**

**3:45-4:45pm – Keynote by Mrs Dina Samak (Egyptian Reporter and Journalist): “The Different *Bahiyas*: Women, Media, and a New Voice for the Egyptian Revolution”**

**Chair: Dr Dalia Mostafa (Manchester University)**

**4:45-5:45pm – Panel: “The Egyptian Revolution from a Socialist Perspective”**

**Chair: Dr Anne Alexander (Cambridge University)**

- **Miss Hend Abdelgawad (Egyptian Activist and Trade Unionist): “The Independent Trade Unions Movement in Egypt before and after the Revolution”**
- **Miss Hannah Elsis (Egyptian Activist and Student): “Intersections between the Labour and Students’ Movements in Egypt before and after the Revolution”**

**5:45-6:00pm SHORT BREAK**

**6:00-7:00pm – Keynote by Professor Roger Bromley (Lancaster University): “Giving Memory a Future: Women, Writing, Revolution”**

**Chair: Dr Sossie Kasbarian (Lancaster University)**

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## DAY THREE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

(Venue – All Day: Lecture Theatre C.5.1 - Ellen Wilkinson Building)

**10:00-11:30 - Panel: “Revolution and Art”**

**Chair: Dr Abir Hamdar (Durham University)**

- **Dr Anastasia Valassopoulos and Dr Dalia Mostafa (Manchester University): “Culture, Music and the Egyptian Revolution”**
- **Dr Dora Carpenter-Latiri (Brighton University): “The Tunisian Revolution, the Attack on Filmmaker Nadia El Fani, and the Reception of Four Iconic Acts by Women: A Deconstruction”**
- **Dr Maggie Awadallah (Kent University) (Title TBC)**

**11:30am-12:00pm – COFFEE & TEA BREAK**

**12:00-1:00pm - Keynote by Dr Ziad Elmarsafy (York University): “Reflections on Women’s Writing about the Egyptian Revolution”**

**Chair: Dr Robert Spencer (Manchester University)**

**1:00-2:00pm – LUNCH BREAK**

**2:00-3:00pm – Keynote by Professor Tiina Kirss (Tallinn University): Title TBC**

**Chair: Dr Arthur Bradley (Lancaster University)**

**3:00-4:30pm – Panel: “Writing and the Revolution”**

**Chair: Dr Encarnacion Gutierrez-Rodriguez (Manchester University)**

- **Dr Luisa Gandolfo (York University): “The Rise of Arab Neo-Feminism: Resistance, Representation and Empowerment among Egyptian Women”**
- **Miss Sara Verderi (Independent Researcher and Translator): “*Revolution is Female*: Syrian Women Writing the Revolution”**
- **Miss Schirin Khalik: (PhD student – University of Erfurt): “Working as a Female Journalist before, during, and after the Egyptian Revolution”**

**4:30-4:45pm SHORT BREAK**

**4:45-6:00pm – Roundtable Discussion and Concluding Remarks**

**Miss Rasha Azab, Professor Roger Bromley, Dr Ziad Elmarsafy, Professor Tiina Kirss, Dr Dalia Mostafa, Mrs. Dina Samak**

**Chair: Dr Shuruq Naguib**

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