

Modernization, Islam, (neo)Liberalism and Reproductive Policies in Tunisia and Turkey

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Program

- 8:30 **Information**
- 9:00 **Introduction** by Irene Maffi & Ayse Dayi: Modernization, Islam, (neo)Liberalism and Reproductive Policies in Tunisia and Turkey: Bringing theory and practice together.
- 9:15- 10:30 **Historical context: Introducing birth control and abortion in the contexts of modernization**
Sustaining women's right to abortion in Tunisia: The importance of the professional behavior in midwifery practice
Atf Gherissi, PhD, MEdSc, CM, Assistant Professor, Ecole Supérieure des Sciences et Techniques de la Santé Université Tunis-El Manar, Tunisia
- Birth Control and Abortion Policies and Practices in Turkey 1960-1980s: Transformation and Continuity*
Gulhan Balsoy, Associate Professor, Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey
- Discussant: **Dr. Selma Hajri**
- 10:30-10:50 Coffee Break
- 10:50-12:10 **Birth control and abortion services and rights in neoliberal conservative context**
The paradoxes of democracy in post-revolutionary Tunisia: Being free to deny abortion rights
Irene Maffi, Professor, Cultural and Social Anthropology Lab, UNIL
- Neoliberal health structuring, the debt economy and sexual/reproductive rights in Turkey*
Ayse Dayi, Senior Researcher, Science and Technology Studies Lab, UNIL
- Modernity, Islamic values and women's rights into question: Tunisia and Turkey in the Moroccan abortion debates*
Irene Capelli, PhD, Anthropologist, Independent Researcher
- Discussant: **Atf Gherissi**
- 12:10-13:30: Lunch
- 13:30-14:45: **Practicing (feminist) medicine in the system**
Feminism and the access to health services: how a professional activity is turned into struggle
Amira Yaakoubi, MD, Medical Activity Manager, Doctors without Borders
- Neoliberal policies, conservatism and women's reproductive life in Turkey: An activist physician's perspective*
Dr. Gulnihal Bulbul, MPH, MD, Obstetrics/Gynaecology, Istanbul, Turkey
- Discussant: **Gulhan Balsoy**
- 14:45-15:00: Coffee Break

15:00-16:30: **Work of women's organizations in Tunisia and Turkey**
Challenges, obstacles and achievements of an NGO on SRHR in the Tunisian context after 2011: When the words are investing the social space
Dr. Selma Hajri, MD, Endocrinologist, Secretary General, Groupe Tawhida Ben Cheikh, Tunis, Tunisia

Reproductive Rights as Women's Rights in Turkey

Canan Arin, Lawyer and Co-founder, Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı (Purple Roof Women's Shelter Foundation), Turkey

Women's bodily autonomy, Turkey and international support

Sehnaz Kiyamaz, Executive Board Member, Women for Women's Human Rights-New Solutions, Turkey

Discussant: **Irene Capelli**

16:30-17:30: **General Discussion & Closing Remarks** by Irene Maffi & Ayse Dayi