



RESURRECTING ARAB FEMINISM, NATIONALISM, AND COLONIALISM FROM SOCIAL AMNESIA

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Abstract

The paper describes how feminism, nationalism, and colonialism effected the socio-economic and political mobilization of Arab women. Historically, these three factors, interconnected as they are in the colonised histories of the Arab world, and in the history of several other countries with a similar past, have intimately shaped and reshaped the prospects of women's roles, both historically and currently. The article, thus, studies forces that shaped the lives of Arab women at the turn of the last century to resist social amnesia and help feminists understand and reconnect with struggles conducted in the past.

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Arab feminism, Arab nationalism, Islam and women, colonialism, social amnesia