Modernization, Islam, (neo)Liberalism and Reproductive Policies in Tunisia and Turkey
November 13, 2017, Géopolis 2215

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

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 Sığınğı Vakfı (Purple Roof Women's Shelter Foundation), Turkey

Women's bodily autonomy, Turkey and international support
Sehnaz Kiymaz, 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