

# Women's Social Lives and Changing Values in the Middle East:

## Beyond the Framework of Religion, Culture, and Tradition

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Speakers : Assoc. Prof. Emi Goto / Prof. Keiko Takaki / Researcher Kaoru Murakami

Moderator : Assoc. Prof. Turan Kayaoglu



Speaker

### Reading Discourses on the Roles of Women: The Case of 20th-Century Egypt

Ms. Emi Goto is an associate professor of Institute for Advance Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo. Her main work in Japanese titled *Veils for God: Women and Islam in Contemporary Egypt* (Tokyo: Chuokoron-shinsha, July 2014) dealt with the relationship between religious discourses and increase of veiled Muslim women during last four decades. Her works in English include "Qur'an and the Veil: Context and Interpretation of the Revelation," (*International Journal of Asian Studies* 1:2, 2004, pp. 277-295).



Speaker

### Women's Role in the Tunisian Revolution and the Democratic Transition: From State Feminism to Civil Feminism

Ms. Keiko Takaki is Professor of Cultural Anthropology at J.F. Oberlin University in Tokyo, Japan. Her research field is Maghreb in North Africa, especially Tunisia. She is the author of *The Islamic Saintcult in North Africa: A Historical Ethnography on Seddada, Tunisia* (2000), *Anthropology of Microcredit: Toward Democratization of Finance in the MENA* (2007) and the editor of *60 Chapters on Tunisia* (2010). She is now preparing a book on *Tunisian Revolution and Democratization: An Ethnography of Process Documentation*.



Speaker

### The Changing Meaning of Protecting Women and Reconfiguring Sense of Belonging Among the Urban Poor in Turkey

Ms. Kaoru Murakami is a researcher at Institute of Developing Economies, Japan. She received her BA in History from Tokyo University and MA in Urban and Environmental Studies from Ankara University, Turkey. Her research interests include gender, sexuality, kinship, poverty, and citizenship.



Moderator

Mr. Turan Kayaoglu is an associate professor of International International Relations in Washington University and also Editor-in-Chief of *Muslim World Journal of Human Rights*. His research focuses on intersection of religion, human rights, and international relations theory. He is particularly interested in how Islamic actors advance their goals in international organizations. He teaches classes on international relations, seminar on Islam and global politics, and Islam.

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