

Lucia Sorbera, *Early Reflections of an Historian on Feminism in Egypt in Time of Revolution*

This article investigates the spaces of the emerging informal feminist activism, reading from the events that occurred between 2011 and 2013 in the wider context of Egyptian XX century's history. The article argues that the diverse forms of independent feminism which Egyptian women have experienced all along the XX century, including intellectual and transnational activism, form the background of the 2011 Revolution, and of women's contribution to it. It therefore contributes to current discussion on the significance of feminism in the history of Egypt, suggesting that contemporary women's activism is both revolutionary and part of a *longue durée* historical process.

Lea Nocera, *For a History of Turkish Feminism: the Experience of the Association of Progressive Women (İkd, 1975-1980)*

The history of Turkish feminism is characterised by a 45-year-long silence elapsed between the feminist campaigns and activities during the last phase of Ottoman period and the first years of the Republic on one side, and the rise of a radical and active womens' movement in the '80s on the other. The article explores the history of the Progressive Women's Organization (İkd) founded in 1975 in order to investigate the political background, the discourses concerning women and feminism produced by leftist organisations and the characteristics of women's political participation in the late '70s, the years just before the vibrant eruption of the second wave of Turkish feminism.

Zahra Ali, *The Women's Movement in post-Saddam Iraq: between Gender, Nation and Religion. Legacy of the Past and Challenges of the Present*

This article presents Iraqi Women activism through a socio-historical reading that begins from the formation of the first Iraqi Women Association. It recounts the gender politics of the ba'ath regime since its came to power and