Dissent: The Politics and Poetics of Women’s Resistance

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Dissent: The Politics and Poetics of Women’s Resistance is the inaugural international feminist conference funded by the Hammed Shahidian Legacy Initiative at the University of Toronto. Organized by the Women and Gender Studies Institute and New College, this two-day conference aims to bring together scholars, activists, community groups, students, artists and performers from around the world for debate, discussion, inquiry, and deliberation on a variety of contemporary feminist thoughts, politics and praxis as they relate predominantly to the Middle East. From the political to the personal, this conference is a conversation on questions pertinent to feminist resistance; its status, its history, its failures, its successes, its poetics. Dissent and resistance are the valences upon which questions of religion, colonial histories, neo-liberal regimes, genocide, historical memory, gender violence, women's movements, and women's survival will be interrogated. This is a conference inspired by the possibility of political transformation in all its challenges.

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Conference Themes
The Status of Feminist Resistance
The Site of History in Political Struggle
Passionate Activisms
Iranian Women Confronting Theocracy
The Poetics of Women’s Resistance

Where and When
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