

The Simone de Beauvoir Institute's

FEMINIST CAFÉ

presents:

Friday
October 7th
12:30-1:30 pm
2170 Bishop Street
MU 101
A light lunch will be served!

Pedagogies of *deVeiling:*

muslim girls and the hijab discourse

This talk is based on Dr. Manal Hamzeh's forthcoming publication *Pedagogies of deVeiling: muslim girls and the hijab discourse*. In this book, she presents an exploration of a gendering discourse, the *hijab* discourse, and the ways in which it is negotiated by girls who self-identify as *muslim*. The stories are weaved with Hamzeh's own stories and perspectives as an *arabyyah-muslimah* and the main researcher in the study from which her book emerged. Dr. Hamzeh's book offers a vision for how the sacred text, when reinterpreted by critical feminist epistemologies, may represent a curriculum that is open to critique and that holds potential for change towards justice.



Dr. Manal Hamzeh

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Manal Hamzeh is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Women's Studies at New Mexico State University (NMSU). She holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction & Critical Pedagogy from NMSU. Hamzeh teaches courses on Arab-Muslim feminisms, homosexuality in Islam, and feminist research methods. Hamzeh's research foci include the understanding of Muslim girls' negotiations of normative discourses in physical education, and young Muslims' negotiations of Islamophobia and homophobia in the times of "war on terror" and "Arab Spring." Hamzeh approaches her research as a queer Arabyyah-Muslimah in exile guided by Arab-Muslim feminists and critical anti-racist feminists of color contesting the dominant narratives of race, gender, and nation.



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