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The post-Uprisings moment in the Maghrib

Women's rights in the Maghrib have been institutionally hyper-politicized and have served all sorts of agendas from the colonialist and neo-imperialist to the anticolonialist and postcolonialist, to the religious extremist. What is the situation today? I adopt an overarching theoretical framework that I call the 'Center', an ideological shifting framework at the crossroads of culture, religion, and politics where diverse gender-based discourses converse. The Center is not a movement, but it is yielding a new mind-set which seeks to highlight difference (whether linguistic, ideological, cultural, religious, educational, class-based, or gender-oriented), transgress the state's authority (in which it lost trust), and find new free ways of expression that are not constrained by (political) alliances. In these emerging dynamics, gender is central, both as a defining marker and discourse and a way of reconfiguring space.

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