THINKING DIGNITY
THE POLITICS OF DIGNITY IN THE
AFTERMATH OF THE NAWA
REVOLUTIONS

WORKSHOP 6 JUNE 2023
CENTRE MARC BLOCH BERLIN

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Thinking Dignity. 
The Politics of Dignity in the aftermath of the NAWA Revolutions

In the context of the 2011 revolutions in the North Africa West Asia (NAWA) region, dignity/karama has found a central place. The revolutions, in Tunisia and Syria at least, have been called revolutions of dignity (thawrât al-karama). Even today, in the revolutionary and post-revolutionary processes underway in the region, the question of dignity remains central: that which is owed to the victims of violence, that which has been expressed and continues to be expressed in the resistance, that which accompanies the demands for subsistence and the right to life even in contexts of critical economic and climatic crises, notably in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Sudan.

Taking dignity as our focal point and examining it from different angles, this workshop organized by the ERC DREAM project in partnership with EUME and the Marc Bloch Center, will grapple with a number of fundamental questions: Has dignity taken on a renewed political and social meaning throughout the Revolutions in the region (2010–present)? Why did this emotion-value-notion become central to the claims of these revolutions? To what type of conception of politics does it correspond in a time of questioning of the ideological horizons inherited from the 20th century? What kind of circulation of this notion of dignity can be observed on a diachronic level (in the form of a genealogy) and on the scale of the spaces of protest, between regions, languages, social spaces?

The conversation will continue on 7 June 2023, at the EUME Berliner Seminar "On Dignity in Contemporary Arab Political Thought and Practices" with Leyla Dakhli and Saphe Shamoun in conversation with Yassin Al Haj Saleh.

The Workshop will take place in ENGLISH.

How to attend
For participation online or on site, please register by filling out the form: https://rb.gy/j8a7i
9:30 - RECEPTION

9:50 - WELCOME

Leyla Dakhli (CNRS / Centre Marc Bloch / ERC DREAM)

10:00 - 12:00 ROUNDTABLE 1

Approaching Dignity: Theorizing Political Concepts in the Aftermath of the NAWA Revolutions (2010-present)

With Saphe Shamoun (Columbia University / EUME Fellow 2022/23), Yasmine Daher (Febrayer Network) and Fadi Bardawil (Duke University)

12:00 - 13:30 LUNCH IN HOUSE

13:30 - 15:30 ROUNDTABLE 2

Notes from the Field: Performing and Demanding Dignity

With Leyla Dakhli (CNRS / Centre Marc Bloch / ERC DREAM), Kmar Bendana (Université de La Manouba / ERC DREAM), Laurence Dufresne Aubertin (Aix-Marseille University / Iremam, Mesopolhis / ERC DREAM) and Nader Anderawos (American University in Cairo)