



# MESF Seminar - Politics of Grief: Mothers and Protesters

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The scholarship that examines MENA women's contribution in the 2011- protest movements mainly focused on the revolutionary liberal female figures, obscuring other forms of women activism in the region, including protesting mothers. On the fourth anniversary of the Iraqi Tishreen protest movement, we will talk about our latest co-authored book chapter 'Mothering the Protest: Gender Performativity as a Communication Mechanism in the Iraqi Protest Movement'. We shift the lens of gender analysis towards Iraqi bereaved mothers-protesters who politicised their private / domestic role in demand for political and judicial reforms. This seminar will be based on feminist security theory, politics of grief, and communication theory to analyse a case study of an Iraqi bereaved mother, Um Muhanned who lost her son during Tishreen 2020.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25 2023  
**Time:** 13:00 - 14:30  
**Location:** Burwood Corporate Centre (BCC)  
**Zoom (optional):** Meeting ID: 842 9680 7895 (please email for password)

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