

State Policies, Social Conflict and Islamic Activism after the “Arab Spring”

Panel Discussion and Book Launch



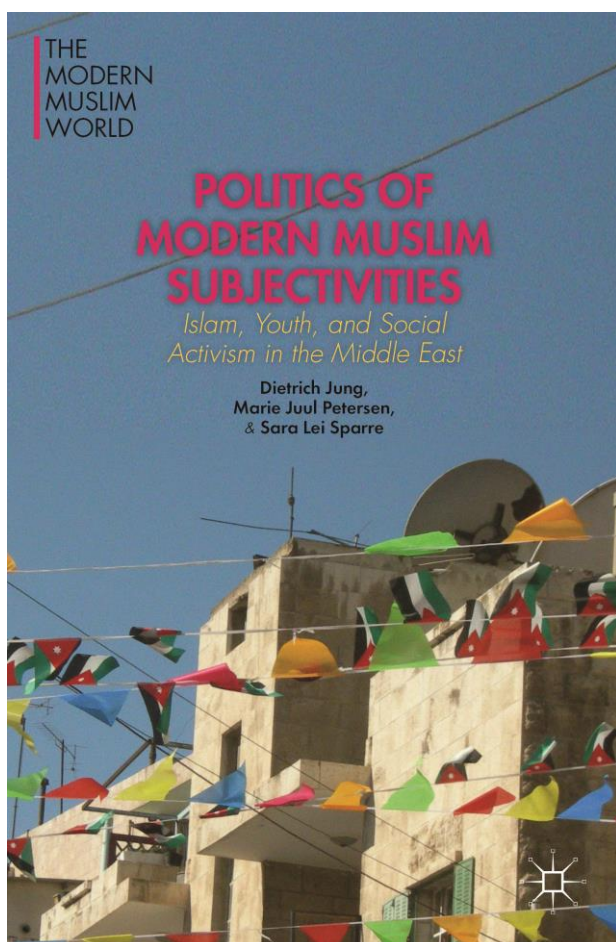
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On the occasion of the publication of *Politics of Modern Muslim Subjectivities*, **CRIC** invites to a panel discussion about state policies, social conflict and Islamic activism after the “Arab Spring.” Based on case studies from Egypt and Jordan, *Politics of Modern Muslim Subjectivities: Islam, Youth and Social Activism in the Middle East* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan) gives insights in the social transformation out of which the Arab revolts emerged. The book shows the importance of Islamic activism as both a means in negotiating social order and in the construction of individual identities. In departing from this finding, Mervat Hatem and Morten Valbjørn explore the different ways in which the regimes in Egypt and Jordan have tried to contain social conflict and the Islamic movement after the “Arab Spring.” We will start with three short presentations and then move on to a discussion of the current situation with the audience.



Panel:

Chair: Prof. Bjørn Møller, Aalborg University and CRIC

15:15- 15:30: “*We think that this job pleases Allah:*” *Islam, social order and individual identity constructions - main findings of the book*”

Prof. Dietrich Jung, University of Southern Denmark and CRIC

15:30- 15:45: “*Counterrevolution and the securitization of gender in Egypt*”

Prof. Mervat Hatem, Howard University, Washington DC

15:45-16:00: “*If Jordan was a Danish TV show:*” *Royal management of social conflict and Islamic activism*”

Associate Prof. Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University

Copies of the book will be available for a specially reduced price of DKK 130 (cash only).