In the context of recent revolutionary developments, many feminists have been at the forefront to challenge secular, undemocratic governments. But how do feminists straddle the current complexities revolving around the significance of political Islam, increasing sectarianism, militarism and new forms of authoritarianism? What kind of international and transnational alliances and solidarities are possible in a situation where anti-imperialist and anti-western sentiments are often conflated? By discussing specific countries in the region, this workshop aims to explore the shifting relationships between authoritarian and feminist politics. How do feminists maneuver the rapidly changing local and regional contexts? We aim to discuss different understandings of and strategies for gender-based violence. We will address the role of transnational feminism in tackling the local and international complexities of women’s rights struggles.

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