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A LEBANESE OCTOBER REVOLUTION: RECLAIMING PUBLIC SPACES, REJECTING PATRIARCHY, AND DEMANDING SOCIAL JUSTICE

TUESDAY
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Presented by

DR. SANA TANNOURY-KARAM



Lebanese American University
and Arab Council for the Social Sciences

6:00 PM
AGNES ARNOLD HALL, 210

In this talk, Dr. Tannoury-Karam will discuss how the people in Lebanon are reclaiming the cities and streets, rejecting patriarchy, and demanding economic equality and the redistribution of wealth from the state. She will offer a historic contextualization of current events, examining colonial and postcolonial legacies of social inequality and paternalism, as well as their neoliberal exacerbation during the post-civil war period. Drawing on her personal activist experience as well as her scholarly research, she will highlight the ways in which the October Revolution is contesting existing structures of power, reflecting on future challenges and possibilities.

Dr. Sana Tannoury-Karam is a historian of the modern Middle East, writing on the intellectual and social history of the Left in the Levant during the Mandate period. She is an Early Career Fellow at the Arab Council for the Social Sciences and a lecturer in the Humanities Department at the Lebanese American University. Most recently, she had completed a post-doctoral fellowship in History at Rice University. She earned her PhD in Middle East and World History from Northeastern University in 2017, and she holds an MA in World History from Northeastern University and an MA in Political Studies from the American University of Beirut. She is currently working on her book *Red Flags in the Streets of Beirut: An Intellectual and Cultural History of the Lebanese Left, 1920-1948*. Her most recent article "This War is Our War: Antifascism Among Lebanese Leftist Intellectuals" has appeared in the September 2019 issue of the *Journal of World History*. Dr. Tannoury-Karam, currently residing in Lebanon, is an activist in the ongoing Lebanese uprising. She is a member of the Coalition of Independent University Professors and an organizing member of the Coalition of Independent Professionals, organizations that have been formed during the October revolution.