



## 2017-2019 Participant Abstract

## **Tunisian Feminist advocacy against gender-based violence**

The research relates the critical gender studies and gender-based violence with studies of authoritarianism, democratization and transitional justice, focusing on the case study of Tunisia. It explores the hypothesis that the current Tunisian political transition to democracy reveals a prevalence of gender-based violence which is articulated in legal frameworks, in public spheres, media debates and in the pattern of social behavior. Focusing on homophobia and all forms of violence against women as a category of abuse and political contest in Tunisia, this research identifies how it is routinized and politicized despite efforts of feminist advocacy. It contributes on gendered violence in Tunisia by describing the impacts of feminist advocacy, human rights activists and state initiatives on the experiences of victims themselves.