



2017-2019 Participant Abstract

What is the relationship between Soulaliyates women's access to communal land and the reconfiguration of gender relations?

Abstract:

This research will identify the gender impacts of the Soulaliyates women's access to land following more than ten years of struggle in a context marked by an increasing commodification of land. It will investigate the subsequent changes in gender norms in the areas of access to public space, family and tribal values and will illustrate the interconnected relationality between women's access to property and land rights and broader gender constructs. I hypothesize that Soulaliyate women's movement created opportunities for these women to access public space and gain bargaining power through acquiring new skills and the awareness of their rights but at the same time disrupted the tribal and family values of solidarity and mutual support.