This seminar examines the contemporary religious politics of love, sex and gender relations in Egypt. As in the United States, the proper organization of intimate life and women's bodies has been placed at the center of politics. Politics has become intensely personal, joining political projects of religious nation-making with personal decisions as to how people, and particularly young women, should organize their private lives and navigate the public sphere. Class will include readings on the politics of veiling in Modern Egypt from the early 20th century to the Revolution of 2011 and the post revolutionary period.

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