A series of events with distinguished visitor Dr. Fadma Ait Mous, presented in collaboration with the Forced Migration Research Network, the Practical Justice Initiative, UNSW Grand Challenges and School of the Arts and Media.

Dr. Fadma Ait Mous

Dr. Fadma Ait Mous, teaches in the Ain Chock Faculty of Letters and the Humanities (University Hassan II of Casablanca), and is Research Coordinator at the Moroccan Center of Social Sciences (CM2S) at the same university. She is also Associate Researcher at Centre de Recherche Economie, Société et Culture (Ecole de Gouvernance et d’Economie de Rabat (Université Mohamed VI Polytechnique).

She holds a PhD in political science from Hassan II University in Casablanca where she wrote her thesis on the emergence of Moroccan nationalism from local to national networks.

Her research is mainly focused on issues related to nationalism and social movements, gender and socio-political transformations, history and memory, youth cultures, social media and migration.

21 August - Postgraduate Masterclass followed by Staff networking event

UNSW Sydney, Morven Brown Building, Room 310 - 1pm-4pm
Dr Ait Mous will be leading a PhD workshop on the 21st August, for up to 12 selected participants (and others may take part as observers). In preparation for this, we are inviting PhD students (and Masters by Research students), to submit Expressions of Interest for inclusion in the workshop. On the day, successful applicants will be asked to present for up to 10 minutes to their peers and to Dr Ait Mous and a small group of other academics for feedback and advice.

If you are an Honours or 4th year student with a particular interest in undertaking a PhD in any of these fields of interest – you are also welcome to submit an EoI. It is hoped that this will be a truly interdisciplinary and cross-Faculty event, speaking to shared themes and interests, such as nationalism and social movements, gender and socio-political transformations, history and memory, youth cultures, social media and migration, North Africa.

If you would like to be involved please send us a 500 word expression of interest, with 300 words on your research and 200 words about yourself and your scholarship/wider interests.

Please send you EoI’s to Professor Stephanie Hemelryk Donald (stephanie.donald@unsw.edu.au).

22 August - The Work of an Intellectual

UNSW Sydney, Robert Webster Building Room 327 - 5pm-6:30pm
A roundtable discussion including academics in comparative literature and North African poetry and politics. The discussion will include Dr Ait Mous, Lucia Sorbera from the University of Sydney and Laetitia Nanquette and Stephanie Hemelryk Donald from UNSW. Contact l.nanquette@unsw.edu.au for a chapter of Dr Ait Mous’ book Le métier d’intellectuel.

31 August

Women claiming justice – Rights to land: The Soulaliyate Movement and the collective lands in Morocco

UNSW Sydney - Goodsell Building, Rooms 221/223 - 5pm (reception), 5.30pm-6.30pm (lecture)
This presentation will focus on the Soulaliyate movement that has recently emerged in Morocco. This social movement is calling for the right of women to receive compensations for land transferred from their tribe to real estate companies; a right which until recently was reserved to men. The name “soulaliyate” came from the “soulala” – the genealogy linking the protesters to their respective communities. Further information - Tim Wong (tim.wong@unsw.edu.au).