

PhD Confirmation Seminar: Hala Nasr

Women-only safe spaces as a response to gender-based violence: experiences, limitations and possibilities for refugee women

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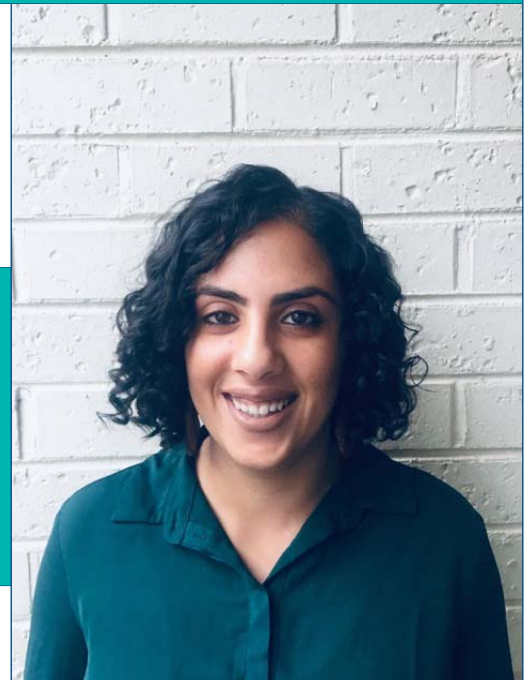
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Women-only safe spaces for refugee women have become a popular institutional response to gender-based violence. Their intuitive appeal has been taken for granted, with little evidence on what happens in practice, who takes part, on what basis, and with what expertise or resources. Through an ethnographic study of two different safe spaces for Syrian refugee women in Lebanon, this project examines the practices, dynamics, and experiences within these safe spaces, particularly as assessed by refugee women themselves.

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