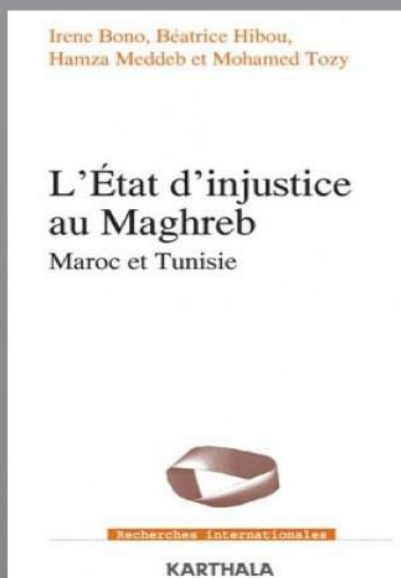


The Center for Maghrib Studies in Tunis Presents:

“L’ÉTAT D’INJUSTICE AU MAGHREB: MAROC ET TUNISIE”



A BOOK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE CO-AUTHOR: DR. HAMZA MEDDEB

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The “Arab Springs” have forcefully brought back questions related to social injustice in the Maghreb. The events witnessed in the years 2011 to 2014 have redefined the issue of social injustice through the relationship of Islamist parties and/or organizations to the state, the nation, neoliberalism, and the exercise of power more broadly. However, the understanding of public policies of inclusion of the poor, the distancing and marginalization of stigmatized territories, the ideological construction of true/false problems, such as “youth”, “employability” of the workforce and economic “rents”; rests on tracing back the origins of the “Arab Springs”. Ultimately, it is the very process of state formation that is being re-characterized as a legitimate matrix of inequality, which is in a constant state of mutation to suit existing constellations of power relations and social struggles. A product of collective musings and long-term fieldwork, this book allows for a rethinking of “the political” outside of, both celebratory and disparaging, discourses on the “Arab Springs.” Rather, it places the latter in its appropriate historical context, thus, giving the analysis the required depth. Situated at an intersection between political sociology and anthropology, this work opens a number of comparative research paths that transcend the Maghreb.

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