Παρουσίαση Διδακτορικής Διατριβής

της Χριστίνας Καϊλή
με τίτλο:

‘GLOBAL’ VOICES: FEMINIST BLOGGING RECONSTRUCTING POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

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This thesis presents a feminist standpoint analysis of the construction of political participation in the digital era. It focuses on the role of feminist blogging in transcending local boundaries to inform global audiences about human rights violations and to mobilise for collective action. This critical discourse analysis focuses on blogs by ten women in the MENA region in the context of the 2011 Arab uprisings. Data from 269 blog posts reveal how feminist blogging produces feminist knowledge, identities and practices that challenge and disrupt hegemonic discourses. This integrated analysis reveals the critical perspectives of marginalised groups strategically bringing the micro, meso and macro levels (voice, space and power) into dialogue. The original contribution of this thesis lies in the development of a new Blog Analysis Schema for political participation. The Schema demonstrates a dynamic and strategic process of ‘glocality’, through which feminist blogging can organise grassroots political action (micro level), transcend public space(s) and national boundaries, engage in online advocacy platforms (meso level), and influence transnational coalition-building (macro level). This thesis also contributes to the literature on feminist theory, media studies, women’s studies, as well as political sociology by exploring new ways to challenge power structures, especially in the context of an ever-shrinking human rights environment and the current resurgence of authoritarianism across the globe. Finally, the thesis adds to the socio-political and historical accounts of women’s struggles in the MENA region and furthermore demonstrates how Westernised, male-centred understandings of the public sphere exclude the realities of marginalised social groups.

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