Gender and the Rise of the Global Right: 
The Fifth Annual Women’s History Month Symposium

Friday, March 23, 2018 
10:00 am – 4:15 pm 
Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex 
Rooms 101 and 102

Breakfast and Check-in will begin at 9:30 am in the ISEC Atrium 
a Reception will follow in 909 Renaissance Park

Presented by
the Northeastern University Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program 
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The rise of right-wing movements across the world has significant impact on gender and sexual identities. The appeal of right wing, authoritarian, and nationalist movements to “tradition” and “shared values” often resuscitates patriarchal social formations and ideologies oppressive of women and sexual minorities. Such movements also foment fear of and hostility toward racial, national, ethnic, or sexual “others.” In presentations and conversations through the day, twelve speakers will bring the lenses of feminist theory and practice to bear on areas of the world including Colombia, El Salvador, the Philippines, Russia, and Turkey, among others; repressive political rhetorics including neoliberal rhetoric in India and anti-Muslim rhetoric in the United States; gendered violence; European anti-gender movements; and displaced and refugee subjects.

Schedule for the Day

9:30 am – 10:00 am
Arrival and Registration
Breakfast will be available in 101 ISEC

10:00 am – 10:15 am
Symposium Welcome
102 ISEC
Laura Green, Acting Director of WGSS

10:15 am – 12:00 pm
Panel 1: Authoritarianism & Gender
102 ISEC
Moderator: Berna Turam, Northeastern University
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch
101 ISEC

1:00 pm – 2:40 pm
Panel 2: Gendered Violence & Displacement
102 ISEC
*Moderator: Amy Farrell, Northeastern University*

Susan B. Church, Demissie and Church
Rupal Oza, Hunter College, CUNY
Serena Parekh, Northeastern University
Elizabeth Swanson, Babson College

2:40 pm – 2:50 pm
Coffee Break
101 ISEC

2:50-4:15
Panel 3: Governmentality & Gender
102 ISEC
*Moderator: Kathrin Zippel, Northeastern University*

Fatema Ahmad, Muslim Justice League
Helena Alviar Garcia, Universidad de Los Andes, Harvard Law
Mieke Verloo, Raboud University

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Reception
909 Renaissance Park