



## Calling the French President's Wife a "Prostitute": The Global Politics of Protecting Iranian Women

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She is currently working on a new project that considers the Islamic mandate of forgiveness, compassion, and mercy in Iran's criminal sanctioning system, jurisprudential scholarship and everyday acts among pious Muslims.

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