In this talk, Dr. Rabinovich will explore the contradictory meanings of “sisterhood” in Islam based on her ethnographic fieldwork in St. Petersburg. A form of intimacy and solidarity that working-class pious Muslim women in Russia practice, religious sisterhood creates bonds of reciprocity that shield these women from the pressures of their daily lives. Yet, sisterhood also serves as a form of policing and discipline, as these women compete with each other for limited resources and authority.