

# Muslim Women in Politics

## Syllabus Fall, 2013

### Culture, Politics, Religion, The Question of Female Leadership

#### August:

##### Thursday 29

#### Introduction to the course

1-Swanee Hunt. "Let Women Rule."

#### September:

##### Tuesday 3

2-Amina Wadud. "Public Ritual Leadership and Gender Inclusiveness." In: *Inside the Gender Jihad*.

3-Amina Wadud. "Qur`an, Gender, and Interpretive Possibilities." In: *Inside the Gender Jihad*.

##### Thursday 5

4- Barbara Freyer Stowasser. "The Qur`an and History." In: *Beyond the Exotic, Women's Histories in Islamic Societies*.

##### Tuesday 10

5-Haifaa Khalafallah. "Muslim Women: Public Authority, Scriptures, and "Islamic Law." In: *Beyond the Exotic, Women's Histories in Islamic Societies*.

### Powerful Women and the Medieval Islamic World.

##### Thursday 12

6-Denise A. Spellberg. "History Then, History Now. The Role of Medieval Islamic Religio-Political Sources in Shaping the Modern Debate on Gender." In: *Beyond the Exotic, Women's Histories in Islamic Societies*.

##### Tuesday 17

7-Idris Salim al-Hasan and Neil McHugh. "Sitt Nasra bint `Adlan: A Sudanese Noblewomen in History and Tradition." In: *Women in the Medieval Islamic World: Poser, Patronage, and Piety*.

### **Thursday 19**

8-Peter Jackson. "Sultan Radiyya bint Iltumish." In: *Women in the Medieval Islamic World: Poser, Patronage, and Piety*.

### **Tuesday 24**

9-Farhad Daftari. "Sayyida Hurra: The Isma`ili Sulayhid Queen of Yemen." In: *Women in the Medieval Islamic World: Poser, Patronage, and Piety*.

## **The Arab World/ Middle East and North Africa**

### **Thursday 26**

10-Maria Szuppe. "The 'Jewels of Wonder': Learned Ladies and Princess Politicians in the Provinces of Early Safavid Iran." In: *Women in the Medieval Islamic World: Poser, Patronage, and Piety*.

### **Tuesday 1**

11-Isam Shihada. "Women and the Arab Spring: Expectations and Concerns."

### **Thursday 3**

12-Lara Deeb. "Piety politics and the role of a transnational feminist analysis."

13-Fatima Z. Rahman. "Gender Equality in Muslim-Majority States and Shari'a Family Law: Is There a Link?"

### **Tuesday 8**

14-Michaëlle Browsers. "The Centrality and Marginalization of Women in Political Discourse of Arab Nationalists and Islamists."

15-Amal Sabbagh. "The Arab States: "Enhancing Women's Political Participation."

### **Thursday 10 (MESA Conference)**

16-Lisa Blaydes and Safinaz El Tarouty. "Women's Electoral Participation in Egypt: The Implications of Gender for Voter Recruitment and Mobilization."

### **Tuesday 15**

17-Natalie Britton. "Women's Political Participation in Algeria and Morocco: A Comparison."

18-Abdelkader Cheref. "Engendering or Endangering Politics in Algeria? Salima Ghezali, Louisa Hanoune and Kahalida Messaoudi."

## **Thursday 17**

### **EXAM- Mid Term**

## **Tuesday 22**

19-Rachel Hertz-Lazarowitz & Tamar Shapira “Muslim Women’s Life Stories: Building Leadership.”

20-Yesim Arat. “Women’s Rights and Islam in Turkish Politics: The Civil Code Amendment.”

## **Thursday 24**

21-Simten Cosar. “Women in Turkish political thought: between tradition and modernity.”

## **Africa**

22-Antoinette Tidjani Alou. “Niger and Sarraounia: One Hundred Years of Forgetting Female Leadership.”

23-Jonathan T. Reynolds. “Islam, Politics and Women’s Rights.” (Nigeria’s Muslim Northern region)

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## **South & South East Asia**

### **General Essay**

24-Gail Omvedt “Women in Governance in South Asia.”

## **Tuesday 29**

### **India**

25-Srilatha Batliwala and Deepa Dhanraj. “Gender Myths that Instrumentalise Women: A View from the Indian Frontline.”

26-Shirin Rai. “Class, Caste and Gender – Women in Parliament in India.”

## **Thursday 31**

### **Pakistan**

27-Iqtidar Ali Shah , and Neeta Baporikar. “Gender Discrimination: Who is Responsible? Evidence from Pakistan.”

28-Farhat Haq . “Militarism and Motherhood: The Women of the Lashkar-i-Tayyabia in Pakistan.”

## **Tuesday 5**

### **Indonesia**

29-Khofifah Indar Parawansa. “Enhancing Women’s Political Participation in Indonesia.”

## **Thursday 7**

30-Khofifah Indar Parawansa. “Obstacles to Women’s Political Participation in Indonesia.”

### **Malaysia**

## **Tuesday 12**

31-Sharyn Graham Davies. “Women in politics in Indonesia in the decade post-Beijing.”

## **Thursday 14**

32-Wan Azizah. “Women in Politics: Reflections from Malaysia”

## **Muslim Women In Museums, Media & Technologies**

## **Tuesday 19**

33-Carol Malt. “ Women, Museums, and the Public Sphere.”

## **Thursday 21**

34-Roksana Bahramitash “The War on Terror, Feminist Orientalism and Orientalist Feminism: Case Studies of Two North American Bestsellers.”

## **Thursday 21**

35-Myra Macdonald. “Muslim Women and the Veil, Problems of Image and voice in media representations.”

## **Tuesday 26**

36-Loubna H. Skalli. “ Communicating Gender in the Public Sphere: Women and Information Technologies in the MENA.”

## **Thursday 28**

37-Salam Al-Mahadin. “Arab Feminist Media Studies.”

## **December**

### **Tuesday 3**

**No Class Lecture – Day for preparation for the second Text.**

**I will be available in my office during the class scheduled time as well as my regular office hours- Feel free to come by if you have any questions.**

### **Thursday 5**

**EXAM #2**

**Last Day Class for this course**