

Muslim Women in Politics Syllabus –Fall 2015

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August

Thursday 27

Introduction to the course

Swanee Hunt. “Let Women Rule.”

September

Tuesday 1

Amina Wadud. “Public Ritual Leadership and Gender Inclusiveness.” In: *Inside the Gender Jihad*.

Amina Wadud. “Qur`an, Gender, and Interpretive Possibilities.” In: *Inside the Gender Jihad*.

Thursday 3

Barbara Freyer Stowasser. “The Qur`an and History.” In: *Beyond the Exotic, Women’s Histories in Islamic Societies*

Tuesday 8

Haifaa Khalafallah. “Muslim Women: Public Authority, Scriptures, and “Islamic Law.”” In: *Beyond the Exotic, Women’s Histories in Islamic Societies*

Thursday 10 (Instructor is attending conference at Duke University) I am not holding a formal class, but you are assigned to watch the following clips:

1-Politics & Media: Discrimination and Muslim Women in the Work Place
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvYFFy92I1Q> (24:14 mints)

2- Muslim Discrimination On Campus
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mDD1_rdUL4 (2:51 mints)

3- Muslims Face Discrimination at European Airports
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9hZ_SrX55g (3:0 mints.)

4- Our Voices - Women's political participation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRKE5q708XY> (4:17 mints.)

5- WOMEN RISING: Political Leadership in Africa
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCIXif1T9dA> (17:55 mints.)

6- Women rank high in Rwandas government
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXolW3WhUeI>

Tuesday 15

Quiz #1

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*.

Thursday 17

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*

Tuesday 22

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

Thursday 24

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

Tuesday 29

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*.

October

Thursday 1

Isam Shihada. “Women and the Arab Spring: Expectations and Concerns.”

Tuesday 6

Quiz #2

Lara Deeb. “Piety politics and the role of a transnational feminist analysis.”

Thursday 8

Fatima Z. Rahman. “Gender Equality in Muslim-Majority States and Shari’a Family Law: Is There a Link?”

Tuesday 13

Michaëlle Browers. “The Centrality and Marginalization of Women in Political Discourse of Arab Nationalists and Islamists.”

Thursday 15

Amal Sabbagh. “The Arab States: “Enhancing Women’s Political Participation.”

Tuesday 20

Lisa Blaydes and Safinaz El Tarouty. “Women’s Electoral Participation in Egypt: The Implications of Gender for Voter Recruitment and Mobilization.”

Thursday 22

Natalie Britton. “Women’s Political Participation in Algeria and Morocco: A Comparison.”

Abdelkader Cheref. “Engendering or Endangering Politics in Algeria? Salima Ghezali, Louisa Hanoune and Kahalida Messaoudi.”

Tuesday 27

EXAM- #1 Mid Term

Thursday 29

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

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

November

Tuesday 3

Woodrow Willson International Center. “Women in Iranian politics.”

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

Thursday 5

Majid Mohammadi. “Iranian women and the civil Rights movement in Iran: Feminism Interacted.”

Abulhaq Azad. “Women’s Political Participation in Afghanistan.”

Tuesday 10

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

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

Thursday 12

Quiz #3

General Essay

Gail Omvedt “Women in Governance in South Asia.”

Tuesday 17

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

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

Thursday 19

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

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

Tuesday 24

Mengia Hong Tschalar “Muslim Women’s Rights Activist’s Visibility.”

Thursday 26 – (No class- Thanksgiving holiday)

December

Quiz #4

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

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

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

Tuesday 1

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

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

Thursday 3 (Last day of our class for this semester)

EXAM #2

Extra readings:

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

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

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

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