

Syllabus Fall, 2017
Muslim Women in Politics

Culture, Politics, Activism, Religion, and The Question of Female Leadership

August

Th. 31

First day of our class

Introduction to the course

1-Swanee Hunt. "Let Women Rule."

* #2 Seema, and Laxmi Narayan. "Gender in Union Budgets: Too Little for Too Many."

September

T. 5

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

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

Th.7

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

T.12

6-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.

Th.14

7-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*.

T.19

8-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*.

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

Th. 21

Quiz #1 ((includes materials covered since Quiz #1, [but does not including today's readings], in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas for this course)

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

11-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*

The Arab World/ Middle East and North Africa

T. 26

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

* 13- Emanuela Lombardo and Lisa Rolandsen Agustin. "Intersctionality in Euripean Union policymaking: the case of gender-based violence."

Th.28

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

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

October

T. 3

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

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

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

* 19- Musa Shteivi. "Attitudes towards Gender Roles in Jordan."

T.10

Quiz #2 (includes materials covered since Quiz #1, [but does not including today's readings], in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas for this course)

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

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

Th.12

EXAM # 1(includes every articles discussed in class, in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas for this course)

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22- Rachel Hertz-Lazarowitz & Tamar Shapira "Muslim Women's Life Stories: Building Leadership."

23-Yesim Arat. "Women's Rights and Islam in Turkish Politics: The Civil Code Amendment."

24- Simten Cosar. " Women in Turkish political thought: between tradition and modernity."

Africa

Th.19

25-Antoinette Tidjani Alou. "Niger and Sarraounia: One Hundred Years of Forgetting Female Leadeship."

26-JonathanT. Reynolds. "Islam, Politics and Women's Rights." (Nigeria's Muslim Northern region)

T. 24

* 27- Hellsten, Sirkku K. “The ideal of gender justice and the UNSCR 1325. Two case studies: Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

South & South East Asia

General Essay- South Asia

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

India, and Pakistan

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

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

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Quiz #3 (includes materials covered since Exam#1, [but does not include today’s readings], in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas for this course)

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

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

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Indonesia, and Malaysia

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

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

November

Th. 2

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

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

Muslim Women In Museums, Business, Media & Technologies

T. 7

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

Th.9

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

T. 14

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

Th.16

Quiz #4 (includes materials covered since Quiz #3, [but not including today’s readings], in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas for this course)

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

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Th. 23- No classes – Thanksgiving Holiday

T. 28

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

Th.30

* 42 -Benoit Sicard. “ What Can Schumpeter Tell us About Women Entrepreneurship In Iran?”

December

T. 5

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.

Th. 7

Last day of this class.

EXAM #2- (includes every readings discussed in class since Exam #1, in addition to readings and clips that are posted on Canvas since Exam #1 for this course)