Sex, Sexuality, and Gender in Islamic World
Syllabus
Spring 2017

Please note: this plan may be subject to modification based on the nature of the subject matters, time of in class discussion, and the student participation. It is your responsibility to keep up with the readings and any change of plans that is posted on Canvas Announcement section, and or in class notifications.

January
Tu. 17
Introduction to Sexuality

1- Benagiano, Carrara, and Filippi “The Evolution of the Meaning of Sexuality.”

Th.19
2- Al-Shayfat, and Green. “Reflections on sex research among young Bedouin in Jordan: risks and limitations.”


Tu. 24
4- Wheeler, Brannon. “Touching The Penis in Islamic Law.”

Th. 26
5-Ruiz, Mario M. “Virginity violated: Sexual Assault and Respectability in Mid-to Late Nineteenth-Century Egypt.”

6- Kozma – “Negotiating Virginity: Narratives of Defloration from late nineteenth-century Egypt .”

Tu. 31
7- Abboud, Sarah. “We are Arabs” The Embodiment of Virginity …Arab and Arab American.”

Video Clip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z7JZw1mczE
*Dubai Night Secrets And Sex Trafficking - Documentary HD (11:40)
**February**

**Th. 2-**

8- Skalli, Louna Hanna. “Young women and social media against sexual harassment in North Africa.”


**Tu. 7**

10- Lahsaeizadeh A, and Yousefinejad E. “Social Aspects of Women’s Experiences of Sexual Harassment in Public Places in Iran.”

11- Harrison, Cathy. “Who is your Mother? Who is your Father?: Assisted Reproductive Technologies in the Light of Sunni and Shia Law.”

**Th. 9  Quiz #1**


**Tu. 14**


**Video Clips**

*Prostitutes of God (Documentary) (28:24 minutes)*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GFaN9-1iz0

**Th. 16**

15- Provencher, Denis. “Coming out A l’oriental: Magrebi-French Performances of Gender, Sexuality and Religion.”

16- Dezhamkhooy and Yazdi. “Breaking the Borders/Violating the Norms: An Archaeological Survey of an Intersex in a Traditional Society, Bam (South Eastern Iran)”

**Video Clips** –

*YANIS MARSHALL CHOREOGRAPHY. MUSIC BY BEYONCE. FEAT ARNAUD & MEHDI. STUDIO68 LONDON #BGT REHEARSA*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kc17H68IKMs (2:17)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQtT-Tv_tZ4 (5:11)

*Yanis Marshall, Arnaud and Mehdi in their high heels spice up the stage | Britain's Got Talent 2014*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs2vCDhLuPg

HOMOSEXUALITY in MOROCCO & in ISLAM (part 5 of 5) (10:22)
Tu. 21

18- Bucar E, and Shirazi, F. The “Invention” of Lesbian Acts in Iran: Interpretative Moves, Hidden Assumptions, and Emerging Categories of Sexuality

Th. 23-
19- Jafari Farrah. “Transsexuality under Surveillance in Iran: Clerical Control of Khomeini’s Fatwas.”

Tu. 28

Video Clips
*BBC World- Iran's "sex-change" solution (48 minutes) (Iran)

March
Th. 2
21- Babacar M. “The Origins of Senegalese Homophobia: Discourses on Homosexuals and Transgender People in Colonial and Postcolonial Senegal.”

Tu. 7  Quiz #2
22- Paechter, Carrie. “Masculine femininities/ feminine masculinities: Power, identities and gender.”

23-Wikan, Unni. “Man Becomes Woman: Transsexualism in Oman as a key to Gender Roles.”

Th. 9 Exam 1
Includes everything we studied to the end of Tuesday March 7th.

Tu. 14 no class, Spring Break
Th. 16 no class, Spring Break

Tu. 21
24- Munck Victor. “Sakhina: A Study of Female Masculinity in a Sri Lankan Muslim Community.”

Video Clip
*Defying Islamic Law, LGBT Culture Thrives in Pakistan: Blackout
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBrC_4m9NvM (16:20)
Th. 23

**Video Clip**
*Indonesia's Transsexual Muslims (Documentary) Warias*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJTzMHDaOlQ (27:0)

Tu. 28

**Video Clip**
*The Sworn Virgins of Albania (RT Documentary) Kanon (medieval Albanian Law) Burrrneshas*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UUikqpotiE (26:0)

Th. 30
27- Schroder, Caroline. “Queer Eye for the Ascetic Guy? Homoeroticism, Children, and the Making of Monks in Late Antique Egypt.”

April
Tu. 4
28- Naisargi, Dave. “Activism as Ethical Practice: Queer Politics in Contemporary India.”

Th. 6
29- Marcotte, Roxanne. “Let’s talk about sex: Australian Muslim online discussions.”

Tu. 11 **Quiz #3**
30- Melton Ince. “Socio Political Attitude Towards Lesbians in Turkey.”

Th. 13
31- Lotfi R, and etl. “Barriers to condom use among women at risk of HIV/AIDS: a qualitative study from Iran.”

Tu. 18
32- Gaucher M, and DeGagne A. “Guilty Until Proven Prosecuted: The Canadian State’s Assessment of Sexual Minority Refugee Claimants and the Invisibility of the non-Western sexual Non-Citizen.”

Th. 20
33- Webel, Janna. “ HF (Iran) and HT (Cameroon) – Reflections on a new test for sexuality-based asylum claims in Britain.”
Tu. 25
34- Foley, Kathy. “The Ronggeng, the Wayang, the Wali, and Islam: Female or Transvestite Male Dancers-Singers-Performers and Evolving Islam in West Java.”

Th. 27
35- Mitra, Indrani. “There is no sin in our love: Homoerotic Desire in the Stories of Two Muslim Women Writiers.”

36- Imtiaz, Sana. “Antara or Majnun? ”Exploring Feminities and Sexualities in Zaib un Nissa Hamidullah’s The Bull and the She Devil.”

May
Tu. 2

Video Clips
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmKtO540DUo
*Shocking Sex Secrets in Ancient Egypt (Documentary) (45:0)
Published on Nov 2, 2016
Judging from the books available on erotic life in the ancient world, the Greeks and Romans would appear to be pioneers in the field of describing and, especially, depicting this aspect of human behavior. This may be so in some respects, but Egyptians had prepared the ground. Along the banks of the Nile, erotic life flourished in ancient Egypt at all levels of society and, contrary to what is generally thought, it was recorded in words and pictures. The ancient Egyptians described impotence and recorded several methods to increase the sexual power. In addition to magical spells, ancient Egyptians used aphrodisiacs of various kinds. They described various medicines not only taken by mouth but also applied to the penis as local remedies.
Source: (http://www.nature.com/ijir/journal/v16/n5/full/3901195a.html)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnGidCFUB3k
*Khajuraho Temple of Love - The Erotic Sculptures of the Khajuraho Temples (10:28)
Published on Feb 12, 2015
The Khajuraho Group of Monuments is a group of Hindu and Jain temples in Madhya Pradesh, India. About 175 kilometres (109 mi) southeast of Jhansi, they are one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India. The temples are famous for their Nagara-style architectural symbolism and their erotic sculptures.

Most Khajuraho temples were built between 950 and 1050 CE by the Chandela dynasty. Historical records note that Khajuraho temple site had 85 temples by 12th century, spread over 20 square kilometers. Of these, only about 20 temples have survived, spread over 6 square kilometers. Of the various surviving temples, the Kandariya temple is decorated with a profusion of sculptures with intricate details, symbolism and expressiveness of ancient Indian art.
Th. 4 – Last day for this class – Exam #2
Includes all the materials covered/posted and discussed in class after Exam I

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