

ET-621 Islam: Gender, Ethics and Pluralism 2021.
Hartford Seminary

Hybrid Synchronous course meets October 19, 21, 26, 28, Nov. 2, 4, 9, and 11
Room 207, 77 Sherman St. Hartford CT 06105

This course covers a broad range of topics reflecting some of the most relevant issues in scholarly and popular discourse. The critical engagement with modern scholarship and the discursive delivery of the course will help the student appreciate the continuing influence of the Qur'an and other pre-modern texts on contemporary ethical debates in Muslim societies.

Assessments:

One seminar presentation of 20 mins: 30%

One class essay: 50%

Class participation: 20%

The seminar presentation will consist of two parts: an oral class presentation and a write-up of the presentation (no more than 1500 words).

The class essay is required to be 2000 words.

Week 1 Gender

Tuesday 19th October

4-6:50

Introduction to the course; structure, themes and overview of course material

Discussion of select readings - Qur'an/ hadiths. Abdelwahab Bouhdiba, *Sexuality in Islam*, Saqi Books, 1998.

Thursday 21 October

4-6:50

Class Presentations and discussion

Discussion of select readings:

Khaled Abou el Fadl, 'The Anatomy of Authoritarian discourse.' *Speaking in God's Name, Islamic Law, Authority and Women*, Oneworld Oxford, 2001, 170 -185.

Kirsten M. Yoder Wesselhoeft, 'Gendered Secularity: The Feminine Individual in the 2010 Gerin Report', *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 31, No. 3, September 2011

Kecia Ali, *Sexual Ethics and Islam: Feminist Reflections on Qur'an, Hadith and Jurisprudence*
Oxford: Oneworld, 2016, 96-125.

Week 2 – Law and Ethics

Tuesday 26 October

4-6:50

Class Presentations and Discussion

Discussion of select readings:

George Hourani, *Reason and Tradition in Islamic Ethics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985, 15-22.

Fazlur Rahman, 'Law and Ethics in Islam,' in Richard Hovannisian (ed.), *Ethics in Islam*, Undena Publications, California 1983.

Heiner Bielefeldt, 'Muslim Voices in the Human Rights debate,' *Human Rights Quarterly*, 17:4, 1995, 587-615.

Thursday 28 October

4-6:50

Class Presentations and Discussion

Discussion of Select Readings

Mona Siddiqui, 'Drinking and Drunkenness in Ibn Rushd,' in *The Good Muslim: Reflections on Classical Islamic Law and Theology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, 90-105.

Rudolph Peters, 'Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law,' *Theory and Practice from 16th-21st century CUP*, (Uploaded as pdf).

Mona Siddiqui, 'Clarity of Confusion, Classical Fiqh and the Issue of Logic,' in J.Nielsen and L.Christoffersen (Eds.), *Shari`a as Discourse, Legal Traditions and the Encounter with Europe*, Ashgate, 2010.

Week 3 – Medical Ethics and Pluralism

Tuesday 2 November

4-6:50

Class Presentations and Discussion

Select Sherine Hamdy, 'Rethinking Islamic Legal Ethics in Egypt's Organ Transplant Debate' in J. Brockopp and T. Eich, *Muslim Medical Ethics* (uploaded as pdf).

Anthony Kyriakides-Yeldham, 'Islamic Medical Ethics and the Straight Path of God,' *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 16:3, 2005, 213-225.

Muhammad Ghaly, 'Human Embryology in the Islamic Tradition,' *Islamic Law and Society*, 21, 2014, 157-208

Thursday 4 November

4-6:50

Class Presentations and Discussion

Select readings and discussion

Abdelaziz Sachedina, *The Islamic roots of democratic pluralism*, New York: OUP, 2001.

John Musselman, 'American Muslims: A (new) Islamic Discourse on Religious Freedom,' *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, 9:2, 2011, 17-24.

Mona Siddiqui 'Religious Pluralism: Essential or Challenge to Liberal Democracy?' *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 2020, 46:5, 487- 496.

Week 4

Tuesday 9 November

4-6:50

Class presentations and Discussion

Thursday 11 November

Student assessments, feedback and questions

Bibliography

General Bibliography for course divided roughly into sections on gender/ethics, human rights and pluralism. However, the articles provided during the course will have their own specialist bibliography for student research.

Qur'an Translation

Yusuf A. Ali. *The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary*, Amana Corporation, 1989.

M. Haleem, *The Qur'an, A New Translation*, Oxford UP 2004 or 2010

General

Akhter, Shabbir. *The Qur'an and the secular mind*, Routledge, 2008.

Brown, Daniel. *A New Introduction to Islam*, Blackwell, 2004.

Casanova, Jose, 'Immigration and the New Religious Pluralism: A European Union/United States Comparison' in *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism*, ed. Thomas Banchoff, Oxford University press, 2007, 59-84, 64-5.

Freidenreich, David, *Foreigners and their food: Constructing otherness in Jewish, Christian and Islamic law*, Berkley University of California Press, 2011.

Goldziher, Ignaz. *Introduction to Islamic Theology and Law*, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1981.

Graham, William. *Divine Word and Prophetic Word in Early Islam*, The Hague and Paris: Mouton, 1977.

Hidayatullah, Aysha, *Muslim Edges of the Qur'an*, Oxford University press, 2014

Mahmood, Saba, *Politics of Piety, The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004.

Makdisi, George, *The Rise of Colleges, Institutions of Learning in Islam and the West*, Edinburgh University Press, 1981.

March, Andrew, *Islam and Liberal Citizenship: The search for an overlapping Consensus*, Oxford University Press, 2009.

Martin, Richard C. (ed.) *Approaches to Islam in Religious Studies*, Arizona: Arizona University Press, 1985.

McAuliffe, Jane (ed.) *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*, 5 Vols, Brill, Leiden, 2001-2006.

Modood, Tariq (ed.) *Multiculturalism, Muslims and Citizenship: A European Approach*, Routledge, 2006.

Murata, S and Chittick, W. *The Vision of Islam*, pp. 47-80.

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. *Ideals and Realities of Islam*, Beacon Press, 1972.

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Gender

Afkhami, Mahnaz. *Faith and Freedom*, IB Tauris, 1995.

Ahmed, Leila. *Women, Gender and Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate*, Yale University Press, 1992.

Ali, Kecia. *Marriage and Slavery in Early Islam*, Harvard University Press, 2010.

Ayubi, Zahra, *Gendered Morality*, Columbia University Press, 2019.

Bouhdiba, Abdelwahab. *Sexuality in Islam*, Saqi Books, 1975.

Cook, Rebecca, 'Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against women,' *Virginia Journal of International Law*, 30:3, 1989-90, 643-716.

Gole Nilofur, *The Forbidden Modern; civilisation and veiling*, University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor, 1996.

Haddad, Y and Esposito, J. *Daughters of Abraham*, University Press of Florida, 2002

Hidayatullah Ayesha, *Feminist Edges of the Qur'an*. Oxford UP, 2014

Husseini, Ziba Mir, 'Muslim Womens Quest for Equality: between Islamic law and Feminism,' *Critical Inquiry*, 32:2006, 629-45.

Kugle, Scott Siraj al-Haqq. "Sexuality, diversity and ethics in the agenda of progressive Muslims," in Omid Safi, *Progressive Muslims*, Oneworld, 2003, pp. 190-234.

Ladd, Valerie J. Hoffman, 'Mysticism and Sexuality in Sufi Thought and Life,' *Mystics Quarterly*, Vol. 18, No. 3, 1992 pp 82-93.

Abu Lughod, Lila, 'Do Muslim women really need saving?' *American Anthropologist*, 104:3. 2002, 783-90.

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Saliba Therese, Allen Carolyn, *Gender, Politics and Islam*, University of Chicago Press, 2002.

Sa'diyya Shaikh, 'In Search of *al-Insān*': Sufism, Islamic Law, and Gender, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 2009, Vol. 77, No. 4, pp. 781-822.

Spectorsky, Susan. *Women in Classical Islamic Law*, Brill, 2010.

Stowasser, Barbara. *Women in the Qur'an, Traditions and Interpretations*, Oxford University Press, 1994.

Tucker, Judith. *Women, Family, and Gender in Islamic Law*, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Wadud-Muhsin, Amina. "Qur'an and Woman," in C. Kurzman ed. *Islamic Liberalism*, 127-138

Yamani, Mai (ed.) *Feminism and Islam*, New York: Ithaca, 1996.

Specific Cases:

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Poole, Thomas, 'Of headscarves and heresies: The Denbigh High School Case and Public Authority Decision Making under the Human rights acts,' *Public Law*, 2005, 685-95.

Law and Ethics/Human Rights/Pluralism

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Brockopp, J and Eich T. *Muslim Medical Ethics*, University of South Carolina Press, 2008.

Calder, Norman. *Islamic Jurisprudence in the Classical Era*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

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Emon Anver, *Religious Pluralism and Islamic Law*, Oxford Islamic Legal Studies, 2012

Al-Fadl, Khaled Abou, *Speaking in God's Name*, Oneworld, 2003.

Friedmann, Yohannen. *Tolerance and Coercion in Islam*, Cambridge University Press, 2003

Hallaq, Wael, *An Introduction to Islamic Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009)

Isuzu, Toshihiko. *Ethico Religious Concepts in the Qur'an*, McGill UP, 2002.

Kassam, Tazim, 'On Being a Scholar of Islam: Risks and Responsibilities,' in *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender and Pluralism*, Omid Safi ed. (Oxford: Oneworld, 2003), pp. 128-144.

Mayer, Ann Elizabeth. *Islam and Human Rights*, Westview Press 1991.

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Peters, Rudolph. *Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law*, Cambridge University Press, 2005

Saeed, Abdullah. *Freedom of Religion, Apostasy and Islam*, Ashgate, 2004.

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