

Women and Islam

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Schedule of Topics:

Week 1 topic

Introduction: Historical Context

Readings

- Karen Armstrong. *Islam: A Short History*. Random House, 2002.
- Ahmed, Leila. *Women and gender in Islam: historical roots of a modern debate*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.

Week 2 topic

To be a Muslim Woman: Beyond the Veil, Niqab, Polygamy, Honour Killing...

Readings

- <https://nowtoronto.com/news/veiled-prejudices-muslim-canadian-women-speak-out-on-niqab-debate/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/nov/27/bradford-muslim-women-integration-casey-report>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/aljazeeracorrespondent/2017/10/cut-exploring-fgm-171002112108882.html>

Week 3 topic

Media Representation of Muslim Women

Readings

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/05/05/the-news-media-offer-slanted-coverage-of-muslim-countries-treatment-of-women/?utm_term=.300ee4c673ba
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOX90_kVPeo
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FETryXmpDI8>

Week 4 topic

Feminism and Islam

Readings

- Asmaa Lamrabet and Miriam François-Cerrah. *Women in the Qur'an: An Emancipatory Reading*, Kube Publishing Limited, 2016
- <http://www.thenation.com/article/177467/rise-islamic-feminists#>
- <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2013/03/201332715585855781.html>

Week 5 topic

Women in Saudi Arabia

Readings

- Rasheed, Madawi. *A most masculine state: gender, politics and religion in Saudi Arabia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-06/saudi-music-video-campaign-guardianship-system-driving-ban/8166892>

Week 6 topic

Muslim Women and Sharia law

Readings

- Abu El Fadl, Khaled. *Reasoning with God: Reclaiming Shari'ah in the Modern Age*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2014.
- <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/08/08/anti-sharia-law-bills-united-states>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUVyfjB-VNo>

Suggested reading:

Fiction and non-fiction works by Muslim women

- Aboulela, Leila. *Elsewhere, Home*, Saqi Books, 2018
- Ahmed, Leila. *A quiet revolution: the veil's resurgence, from the Middle East to America*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011.
- Alsanea, Rajaa. *Girls of Riyadh*, translated by Rajaa Alsanea and Marilyn Booth, Penguin Book, 2007.
- El Saadawi, Nawal. *Walking through fire: a life of Nawal El Saadawi*. South Africa: David Philip, 2002.
- Kahf, Mohja. *The girl in the tangerine scarf: a novel*. New York: Carroll & Graf, 2006.
- Mattu, Ayesha. *Love, InshAllah: the secret love lives of American Muslim women*. Berkeley, CA: Soft Skull Press, 2012.

- Moaveni, Azadeh. *Honeymoon in Tehran: two years of love and danger in Iran*. New York: Random House, 2009.
- Rasheed, Madawi. *A most masculine state: gender, politics and religion in Saudi Arabia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Wilson, G. Willow. *The butterfly mosque: a young woman's journey to love and Islam*. London: Atlantic, 2010.