Islam and Women  
RG ST 119D  
Fall 2011  
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Reading List

1) Amina Wadud, The Qur’an and Women  
2) Fatima Mernessi, The Forgotten Queens of Islam  
3) Saba Mahmoud, The Politics of the Veil  
4) Joan Wallach Scott, The Politics of the Veil  
5) Weisberg and Appleton, Modern Family Law: Cases and Materials (selections will be provided)

Grading

- 30% regular class participation—both the quantity and quality of the participation will be taken into account, especially the oral presentation.
- 10% a 500 word position statement, due 11/3 (assignment will be given 11/1)
- 20% practicum presentation
- 40% a 1,000 word review of a relevant source of the study of Islam and women (consult with instructor), due at the end of the 10th week—punctuality of submission, organization, accuracy, and originality are taken into account.

I: Theory, Practice?

Thursday 9/22   Introduction  
Tuesday 9/27   Wadud I  
Thursday 9/29   Wadud II

II: Anytime, Anywhere in the Abode of Islam: Why are there too many Queens?

Tuesday 10/4   Mernessi I
Thursday 10/6        Mernessi II
Tuesday 10/11       Mernessi III
Thursday 10/13      Mernessi IV

III: Modern Egypt
Tuesday 10/18       Mahmoud I
Thursday 10/20      Mahmoud II
Strongly recommended: “The Role of Women in Promoting Peace and Democracy in the Middle East” at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23 in UCSB Campbell Hall
Tuesday 10/25       Mahmoud III
Thursday 10/27      Mahmoud IV
Tuesday 11/1        Mahmoud V (position assignment received)

IV: France
Thursday 11/3       Scott I (position assignment collected)
Tuesday 11/8        Scott II (+ discussion of position statements)
Thursday 11/10      Scott III
Tuesday 11/15       Scott IV

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Thursday 11/17      Mini-Practicum: Students Present I
Thursday 11/22      Women and Revolutions

V: Families Modern and Premodern
Tuesday 11/29       Modern Family: Weisberg 241-279
Thursday 12/1       Mini-Practicum: Students Present II