WINTER 2010

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 217
RELIGION AND SEXUALITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST
TH 12:00-2:50 PM
HSSB 3024

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Required Texts


Course Requirements

1. Leading Discussions

Students will lead and facilitate discussions in this course. Two individuals will be assigned to lead the weekly discussions. You are expected to present a summary of the assigned readings and an outline to share with other students. Everyone else will read the materials ahead of time and contribute to the discussions by developing at least two questions on the readings. Students will be graded on individual presentations, ability to engage other students in the discussions, and quality of the questions and comments you bring to class and articulate with respect to others’ presentations. 50 percent
2. Essays

All essays will be take-home format and based on assigned readings. More information will be provided in class. **50 percent**

Please note the following:

§ Students are expected and required to be present at every class session and to be prepared for class. If you know that you will have trouble arriving to class on time and/or staying for the entire session, I strongly counsel you not to enroll in the course.

§ All cellular phones, pagers, and alarms must be turned off during class.

§ Class sessions will be discussion focused. Please bring appropriate readings and texts to class with you. Give yourself sufficient time to complete the reading and prepare before coming to class. Moreover, give yourself sufficient time to understand assignment guidelines, to complete writing assignments accordingly, and to seek help early if you are having difficulties.

**Attendance Policy: More than (2) excused or unexcused absences might bring your grade down**

DATE AND ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK 1 (January 7)  INTRODUCTIONS


WEEK 3  (January 21) Musallam, Basim. *Sex and Society in Islam.*


WEEK 5  (February 4) Haeri, Shahla. *Law of Desire*

**DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST PAPER**
WEEK 6 (February 11) FIRST PAPER DUE
FILM

WEEK 7 (February 18) El-Rouayheb, Khaled. Before Homosexuality in the Arab-Islamic World:

WEEK 8 (February 25) Ze’evi, Dror. Changing Sexual Discourse in the Ottoman Middle East.

WEEK 9 (March 4) Afary, Janet. Sexual Politics in Modern Iran (PART I & II)

WEEK 10 (March 11) Afary, Janet. Sexual Politics in Modern Iran (PART III)
DISCUSSION OF THE SECOND PAPER

MARCH 15: SECOND PAPER DUE

Selected Bibliography


