

Islam and Women
RG ST 119D
Spring 2011
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M/W 9:30-10:45
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Reading List

- 1) **Hambly**, Women in the Medieval Islamic World (**bookstore**)
- 2) **Mahmoud**, The Politics of the Veil (selections will be provided)
- 3) **Mernessi**, The Forgotten Queens of Islam (selections will be provided)
- 4) **Walsh**, The Politics of the Veil (**bookstore**)
- 5) **Weisberg and Appleton**, Modern Family Law: Cases and Materials (selections will be provided)

Grading

- 40% regular class participation—both the **quantity and quality** of the participation will be taken into account, especially the oral presentation.
- 60% two essays of 1,000 words each, due at the end of the 7th, and 10th week—**punctuality of submission, organization, accuracy, and originality** are taken into account.

I: Theory vs. Practice or Theory vs. Theory: Why are there Muslim Queens?

Monday 3/28	Introduction
Wednesday 3/30	Queen Arwa: <u>Hambly</u> 117-130
Monday 4/4	Queen Radiyya: <u>Hambly</u> 181-197
Wednesday 4/6	Shajaruddur: <u>Mernessi: Selections</u>

II: Anytime, Anywhere in the Abode of Islam

Monday 4/11	Safavid Iran I: <u>Hambly</u> 325-347
Wednesday 4/13	Safavid Iran II: <u>Hambly</u> 349-381
Monday 4/18	India: <u>Hambly</u> 429-467

Wednesday 4/20 Sudan: Hambly 537-549

Monday 4/25 Mernessi: Selections I

Wednesday 4/27 Mernessi: Selections II

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Monday 5/2 Mini-Practicum: Students Present I

Wednesday 5/4 Mini-Practicum: Students Present II

III: Modern Muslim Women

Monday 5/9 Modern Muslim Women: Mahmoud Ch. 5

Wednesday 5/11 Veil III: Walsh Ch. 1-2

Monday 5/16 Veil III: Walsh Ch. 3-4

Wednesday 5/18 Veil III: Walsh Ch. 5-Conclusion

IV: Families Modern and Premodern

Monday 5/23 Modern Family: Weisberg 241-279

Wednesday 5/25 Medieval Family: Hambly 227-240

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Monday 5/30 Mini-Practicum: Students Present III

Wednesday 6/1 Mini-Practicum: Students Present IV