

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
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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