

## Gender in Islam



*A Qur'anic study circle (halaqa) in Amman, Jordan (2017)*

Islamic feminist theology is one of the most exciting genres within the broader field of Islamic liberation theology, that is, interpretive approaches to Islamic texts that are committed to social justice and liberation. This course explores the complex relationship between Islam and gender, focusing on the innovative ways in which Muslim feminist scholars have interpreted the Qur'an with an eye to gender equality. While the focus will be on Muslim scripture and its exegesis (*tafsir*), we will also explore wider engagements with the Islamic tradition, including *hadith* (prophetic reports), *sira* (prophetic biography), and *fiqh* (Islamic law). In addition to addressing issues directly related to women, from ontological in/equality and patriarchal representations of the divine to religious authority, leadership, and bodily well-being/harm, we will explore queer-inclusive readings and constructions of masculinity. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to think critically and comparatively, connecting the key themes, thinkers, interpretive methods, and shared (?) contexts and lived experiences.

**This course is for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students in the School of Divinity and from elsewhere in the University. Visiting students are also welcome.**

Semester	1
Course Code	DIV10114
Prerequisites	None (and no prior background in Islamic studies required)
Credits	20
Assessment	Critical Review 30%, Discussion Posts 10%, Final Essay 60%
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Teaching location	New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LX

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