

news'Islamic Thought and Women's Liberation' Seminar

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The Chair offers this seminar which tackles women's issues in Islam and the ensuing discussion regarding women's rights and gender equality.

This second seminar, of 20 hours duration, analyses alternatives existing to reconsider the role of women in society. As well, it deconstructs ideologies which are legacies of the past, as well as a direct product of patriarchal interpretations of religion and a result of the cultural, social and political environment of previous centuries.

The seminar aims to provide Muslim women with an emancipatory perspective by means of overcoming the discrimination produced by doctrinal interpretations and explanations of the Sacred Text. This is done through combining universal moral perceptions with ideal humanitarian examples in Islam, as well as making use of the text of the Quran in order to reaffirm the dismantling of stereotypes that exist within the Islamic tradition in its consideration of women and the interpretations that cause them injustice.

Objectives of the Seminar:

- Discuss social, political, cultural and historical reasons which resulted in discriminatory concepts regarding women in Muslim societies.
- Highlight women's presence in the Quran.
- Present modern Islamic jurisprudence related to women's issues.
- Provide methodological alternatives that allow addressing women's issues in Islam from an enlightened interpretation of the Sacred Text and from a view of the empowerment of Muslim women in human civilization.

Content of the Seminar:

- **Introduction: Problem and Methodology, Research Areas.** Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet.
- **Women's Rights in Islam.** Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet.
- **Women in Islamic Jurisprudence.** Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet.
- **'Islamic' Position towards Calls for Women's Emancipation.** Lecturer: Natalia Andújar.
- **Modern Islamic Jurisprudences regarding Women's Issues.** Lecturer: Natalia Andújar.
- **Renewal in Consideration of Women's Issues Through Interpretive Understanding (al-iṭihād) in Islam.** Lecturer: Natalia Andújar.

INFORMATION

- **Work hours:** 20 hours each seminar (100 hours the whole 5 seminars)
- **Registration fees:** 10€
- **Number of places offered:** 30 places
- **Registration:** at the Euro-Arab Foundation, until February, 29. Registration Form is available on this page in Download.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 1 March

Session 1: From 17h00 to 18h50 (Rest: 10 min)

Introduction: Problem and Methodology. Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet

Session 2: From 19h00 to 21h00

Women's Rights in Islam. - Rereading of Revelation as a Spiritual Revolution. Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet

Wednesday, 2 March

Session 1: From 17h00 to 18h50 (Rest: 10 min)

Women in Islamic Jurisprudence. A New Approach to the Sacred Text Through an Emancipatory Reading.

Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet

Session 2: From 19h00 to 21h00

Lecturer: Asma Lamrabet

Thursday, 3 March

Session 1: From 17h00 to 18h50 (Rest: 10 min)

Renewal in Consideration of Women's Issues Through Interpretive Understanding (al-iyytihad) in Islam. - Theoretical Framework: Sharia and Fiqh.- Reading and analysis of the interview with Ziba Mir Hosseini: "Comprendiendo el feminismo islámico" ('Understanding Islamic Feminism')

- Gender Jihad: Actions and General Principles.

Session 2: From 19h00 to 21h00

- Cine-forum "Feminism and Islam" Weekly report (in Spanish) <http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/videos/informe-semanal/informe-semanal-feminismo-islam/916422/> [1]

- International Conference on Islamic Feminism.

Friday, 4 March

Session 1: From 10h00 to 11h50 (Rest: 10 min)

'Islamic' Position towards Calls for Women's Emancipation.- Debate on Islamic Feminism / Hegemonic Feminism.- Feminism, an Instrument of Islamophobia?

Session 2: From 12h00 to 14h00

Modern Islamic Jurisprudences regarding Women's Issues.

- Work of the WLUML Platform.
- The Need for an International Shura Council.
- Musawah and the Jurisprudence of the Family.
- General Conclusions of the Seminar.

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS:

ASMA LAMRABET

Researcher in Islam and women's issues, President of the Centre for Studies and Research in women's issues at the Muhammadiyah Association of Scholars of Islam in Morocco. Coordinator of the Research Group on Reflecting on Muslim Women and Intercultural Dialogue in Rabat between 2004 and 2007. In 2008, president of the International Study Group on Reflecting on Women and Islam, based in Barcelona, being currently a member of its Board of Directors. Lamrabet is also a physician specialized in leukemia disease diagnosis in Rabat. Previously, she worked as a volunteer doctor in public hospitals in Spain and Latin America, specially Mexico and Santiago.

She was granted the Arab Women Prize in Social Sciences in 2013 for her book published in French titled *Women and Men in Quran... ¿Any equality?*.

Some of her works: - *Le Coran et les femmes : une lecture de libération* Tawhid France. (Translated into English: *Qur'an and Women: A Narration of Liberation*, Kube Pub Ltd, 2016); *Musulmane tout simplement*, éditions Tawhid France; *Aïcha, épouse du prophète ou l'islam au féminin*, Tawhid France; *Québécois et musulmans main dans la main pour la paix*, coauteure d'un ouvrage collectif publié aux éditions Lantcôt, Quebec, Canada; *Femmes-Islam-Occident: chemins vers l'universel*. Editions La croisée des chemins en Marruecos et Séguier-Atlantica en Francia; *Femmes et hommes dans le Coran: quelle égalité?* Editions al-Bouraq Paris France, 2012.

NATALIA ANDUJAR

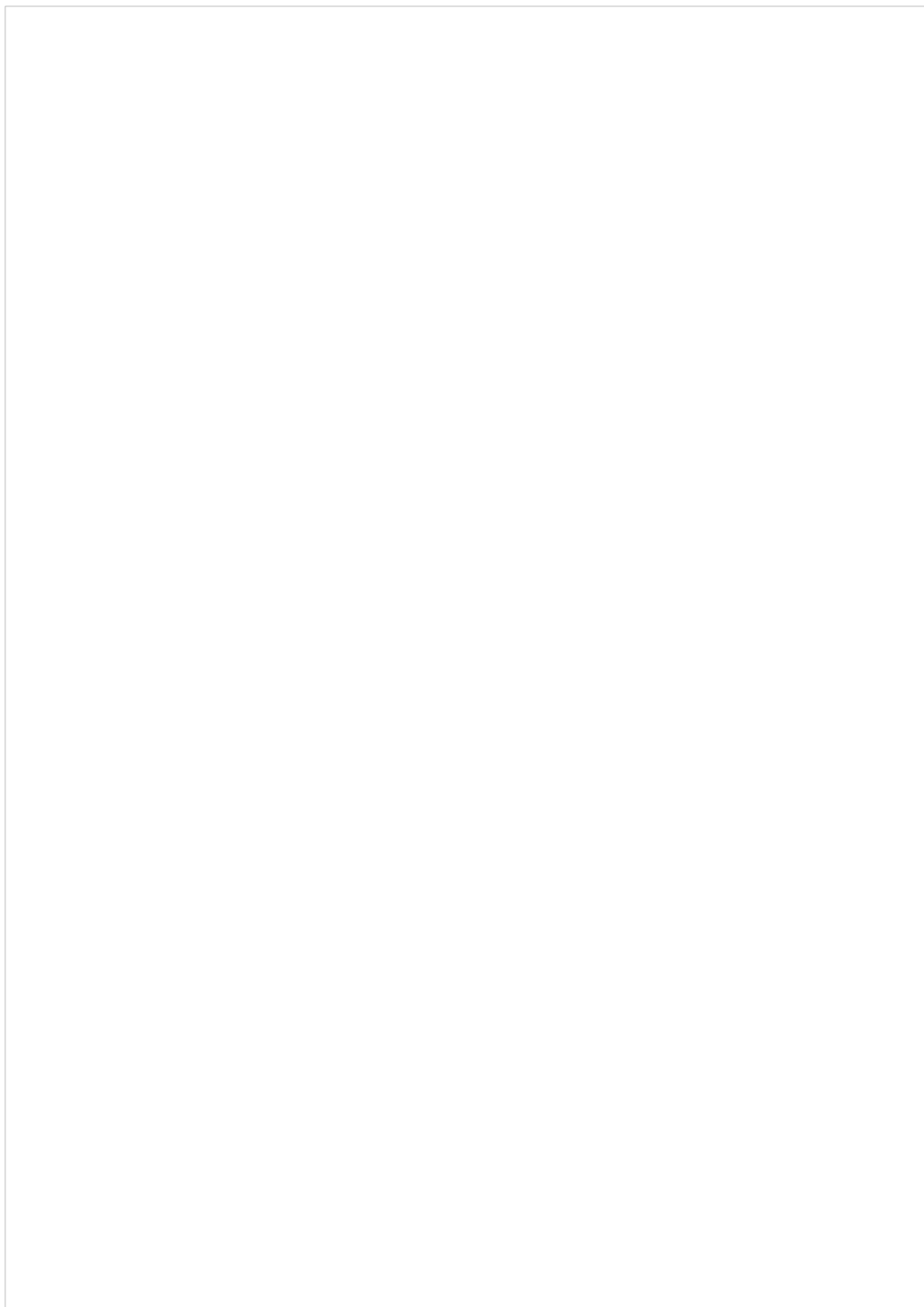
Graduated in General Linguistics at the University of Barcelona. Vice-president of the Junta Islámica. Lectured in Spanish Language at the Faculty of Arts, University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (Senegal), and was the Director of Studies as well as a Teacher of the Course titled "Experto en Cultura y Religión Islámicas" (Expert in Islamic Culture and Religion) at the University Camilo José Cela from 2006 to 2011. Andujar is part of the expert panel of the UNAOC (United Nations Alliance of Civilizations), as well as an active member of the International Networks WISE and Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow. From 2008 to 2010, she was the Director of Webislam, first Islamic

website in Spanish language. In 2010, she was granted the Cedar Prize for the most Ten Influential Muslim European Women.

She has collaborated in many books and papers:

- *Muslima Theology: The Voices of Muslim Women Theologians*, Frankfurt, Peter Lang Editions, 2013; - Journal of the European Society of Women in Theological Research, Leuven, Peeters Publishers, 2012; - *La emergencia del feminismo islámico (Emergence of Islamic Feminism)*, Barcelona: Oozebap, 2008; - selected papers presented during the first two international conferences on Islamic Feminism; - *Alianza de Civilizaciones, Alianza por la Paz*, Almodóvar del Río: CDPI, 2008; *Desvelant secrets. Les dones de l'islam*, València: Tesiquatre, 2010; *El Islam y el mundo árabe: heterogeneidad y cambio*, Burgos: Universidad de Burgos, 2011; *Los Fundamentalismos*, Madrid: Centro Evangelio y Liberación, 2012.

The seminar is mainly aimed at University Students, Teachers, Journalists, as well as interested Public.



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