

Contributor Biographies

Zainab Alwani

received her Ph.D. in Islamic Sciences from the International Islamic University in Malaysia and has been teaching and researching Islamic law, gender relations, and Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies for over fifteen years. She currently teaches Arabic Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. She is also the Program Director and an Adjunct Professor of Islamic and Arabic Studies at Northern Virginia Community College and teaches Islamic history, women in Islam, law, and comparative religion at a number of consortium institutions. Dr. Alwani has authored or co-authored numerous scholarly articles and book chapters on topics such as 'Ā'isha's commentaries on hadith, Islamic jurisprudence, conflict resolution in America, and Abū-Hāmid Al-Ghazālī and his methodology. She has several upcoming publications focused on Qur'an and gender relations, marriage, and divorce in the American Muslim Community, sharī'a and family law in America, Muslim women and economic challenges, and the ethics of disagreement.

Ndeye Andújar

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Ednan Aslan

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Dr. Hermansen has contributed numerous academic articles in the fields of Islamic Thought, Sufism, Islam and Muslims in South Asia, Muslims in America, and Women and Gender in Islam.

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Dr. Hidayatullah's research interests include Muslim feminist theology, modern and contemporary exegesis of the Qur'an, representations of women in early Islamic history, Islamic sexual ethics, constructions of femininity and masculinity in various aspects of the Islamic tradition, feminist methodologies in the study of Islam, and the pedagogy of Islamic studies.

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Debra Majeed

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Sa'diyya Shaikh's

research and teaching are focused in the area of Islamic Studies with a twin focus on Sufism and feminism. She has previously published on issues of Muslim women and gender violence, feminist approaches to hadith and Qur'anic exegesis, contraception and abortion in Islam, theoretical reflections on Islam and feminism, Sufism, gender, and Islamic law, and "Engaged Sufism." Currently she is completing a manuscript on gender and sexuality in the works of a 13th century Sufi thinker, Ibn Arabi. In collaboration with the Department of Psychology at the University of Stellenbosch and an NGO, "Positive Muslims," Dr Shaikh has initiated and is co-directing a research project that focuses on sexuality, marriage, HIV/AIDS, and reproductive choices among South African Muslim women.

Muna Tatari

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She has been a weekly columnist in a local newspaper since 2002 through which she aims to raise awareness about ethical, social, and political issues, and to shed light on crucial subjects such as tolerance, freedom of thought, justice, human rights, and women's rights.

Wiener Islamstudien

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