All in the Family? Islam, Women, and Human Rights
Emory Law School – Atlanta, Georgia
March 3rd and 4th, 2006

Friday, March 3, 2006

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Session I: Underlying Theory
Islamic Feminism and the Issue of Dependency: An Iranian Case Study,
Roja Fazaeli, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
(Mis) Understanding Muslim Women: The Limits of Western Feminism,
Nazia Kazi, Columbia University School of Social Work
Constructing Islam and Human Rights in Political Context,
Anthony Tirado Chase, Occidental College
Islamisation, Women and Human Rights in Pakistan: Resistance Strategies,
Siobhan Mullally, National University of Ireland, Cork

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Dinner and Reading in Hunter Atrium
Standing Together: From Lone Struggles to a Global New Reality for Islam in the 21st Century,
Asra Q. Nomani, Author and Activist

Saturday, March 4, 2006

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM – Session II: Comparisons
Gender Neutral Prayer, Religion and State,
Pnina Lahav, Boston University School of Law
Challenges Facing South Africa as Regards the Recognition of Muslim Marriages,
Rashida Manjoo, Harvard Law School

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM – Session III: Comparisons
Engaged Surrender in the Void: Post-Secularist “Human” Rights Discourse and Muslim Feminism, Emily Albrink Hartigan,
St. Mary’s Law School
Hanafi and Catholic Jurisprudence of Sexual Equality: A Proposal for Dialogue,
Russ Powell, Seattle University School of Law

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch and Presentation (Hunter Atrium)
Thinking About Courtly Families: Comparisons From Early Modern Islamic Societies,
Ruby Lal, Emory University
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM – Session IV: The Role of Law: Islam and the West

Religious Arbitration in Ontario: Protecting Women by Protecting Them From Religion, Natasha Bakht, University of Ottawa

Feminist Fundamentalism, Perfectionism and the Veil,
Mary Anne Case, University of Chicago Law School

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM – Session V: Family Issues

Enacting Women’s Rights without Gender Equality: Ayatollah Khomeini’s Legacy to Custody Reform in Iran, Elizabeth M. Bucar, Divinity School, University of Chicago

“Legal Realism” in Tehran: Gender, Law, and the Transformative State,
Louise Halper, Washington & Lee University School of Law

So Long a Letter: Towards a Women-Centric System of Islamic Polygamy,
Michel Alexandre, University of Memphis

How Islam Addresses Women’s Sexuality and How it Relates to the Honor of family,
Nadia Shahram, Law School, SUNY-Buffalo and Hilbert College