

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,

Prina 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