



PROGRAMME

Gender and Religious Agency in the Muslim World

Conference

14–15 June 2024

at Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin-Nikolassee

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Friday, 14 June 2023



09.00-09.15

Welcome and Introduction

Maria-Magdalena Pruß, ZMO

09.15-10.45

**Religious Authority and the Transmission of Knowledge
(Part I)**

Discussant: Sarah Holz, Humboldt University Berlin

Diliara Brileva, ZMO: "Millät, din and husbands: Female Islamic theology in Tatar printed media in late imperial Russia"

Philipp Bruckmayr, University of Freiburg: "Female religious authority in Malaysia: Agency and controversy (1920s-2020s)"

10.45-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.30

**Religious Authority and the Transmission of Knowledge
(Part II)**

Discussant: Maria-Magdalena Pruss, ZMO

Daniel Morgan, Santa Clara University: "Female agency and Islamic reform in eighteenth-century North India"

Mashal Saif, Clemson University: "Shi'a 'Aalimat in contemporary Pakistan: Reinforcing and reconfiguring gender roles and remaking a historically male clerical tradition"

12.30-13.30

Lunch Break

Friday, 14 June 2023



13.30-15.00

**Ethics and Virtues
(Part I)**

Discussant: Diliara Brileva, ZMO

Johanna Pink, University of Freiburg: “Gender, agency and authority in Qur’an translation: Invisible women, pious women, rebellious women”

Elvira Kulieva, University of Freiburg: ‘Quenched the thirst of seventy million’: Sumayya ‘Afifi – an Egyptian Qur’an translator for post-Soviet readers”

15.00-15.15

Coffee Break

15.15-17.30

**Ethics and Virtues
(Part II)**

Discussant: Jürgen Schaflechner

Rebecca Makas, Villanova University: “The unexceptional mystic: Sufi women and the value of the domestic”

Leila Almazova, ZMO: “Women’s agency in the revival of Muslim education, Sufi practices, and healing in Tatarstan: Faniya Zalyalieva and her educational center ‘Faniyabika””

Day I

Saturday, 15 June 2023



09.30-11.00

**Aspirations and “the Good Life”
(Part I)**

Discussant: Frédéric Madore, ZMO

Wikke Jansen, Heidelberg University: “Queer theology as ambiguous debate: Gender and sexual diversity in Indonesian Islam”

Erin Kelso, Free University Berlin: “Transforming transgender lives: Ambiguous agency in Pakistan’s first Eunuch church project”

11.00-11.15

Coffee Break

11.15-12.45

**Aspirations and “the Good Life”
(Part II)**

Discussant: Samuli Schielke, ZMO

Iman Dawood, University of Cambridge: “The unmaking of a Salafi woman: Gender, agency, and religious disaffiliation”

Malika Abdulkakieva, Ala-Too University: “Eyebrow bleaching, eyelash lamination and modest fashion: Islamic revivalism and Muslim female entrepreneurship in Kyrgyzstan”

13.00-14.00

Lunch Break

Saturday, 15 June 2023



14.00-15.30

**Mediatization and the Public-Private Divide
(Part I)**

Discussant: Aksana Ismailbekova, ZMO

Merve Kütük-Kuriş, Boğaziçi University: “Rethinking piety and the question of coherence from a Ricoeurian lens: The case of Muslim fashionistas in Turkey”

Shahnoza Nozimova, University of Oxford & Tim Epkenhans, University of Freiburg: “Society, gender, and generation: Changing vernaculars and social imaginaries in Central Asia’s Islamic social mediascapes”

15.30-15.45

Coffee Break

15.45-17.15

**Mediatization and the Public-Private Divide
(Part II)**

Discussant: Sana Chavoshian, ZMO

Afiya Zia, Wesleyan University, US: “The limits of piety in Pakistan”

Feyza Burak-Adli, Northwestern University: “Female Sufi Piety, Moral Exemplarity, and Islamic Feminist ‘Counter-public’ in Turkey: The Case of Shaykha Cemalnur Sargut of Rifai Order”

Final Comments

Aksana Ismailbekova, ZMO