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A Two-Day International Conference on

**ISLAMIC FEMINISM AND DECOLONIAL FUTURES:
EPISTEMOLOGY, ETHICS AND PRAXIS**

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DAY 1 -FRIDAY - NOV 7, 2025

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Welcome Tea
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<u>INAUGURAL</u>
	Recitation of Quran
	Facilitation of Guest
	Welcome Address by Prof. Nishat Zaidi (Director-Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies)
	Introduction to the Conference Theme by Dr. Amina Hussain (Convenor, Asst. Professor, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies)
	Inaugural Address by Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi (Patron, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia)
	Address by chief Guest- Ms. Jahanzeb Akhtar Indian Revenue Service, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Govt of India, Ministry of Finance, Fulbright Fellow, Hubert H Humphrey Program
	Presidential Address by Prof. Mazhar Asif (Chief Patron, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia)
	VOTE OF THANKS
11:15 AM - 12:30PM	OPENING PANEL: MUSLIM WOMEN IN INDIA Chair: Prof. Nishat Zaidi Moderator: Dr. Amina Hussain Discussant: Dr Firdous Azmat Siddiqui
	Professor Farhat Hasan, Department of History, University of Delhi Agency, Selfhood and Memory in Literary Culture: Reading Women's Poetry in Colonial India.
	Dr Hem Borker, department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia Rethinking Gender and Agency: Educational Journeys of Muslim Girls in a Madrassa.
	Prof. Azra Abidi, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia Faith, Gender, and Power: Rethinking Muslim Women's Political Presence in South Asia.

	Dr. PK Yasser Arafath Department of History, Delhi University Wailing the Veil, and Veiling the Wail Gendered Spaces, Sartorial Imaginations, and ‘Malayala Islam’ in Colonial Malabar.
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM 	Technical Session 1 (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM): Feminist Epistemologies and the Politics of Knowledge Production in Islam Chair: Prof. Vijaylakshmi Brara, SNCWS Rapporteurs: Sajid & Preeti Maurya, PhD Scholars, SNCWS
	Contextualising Feminist Epistemologies: The Politics of Knowledge Production in Islam -Alisha Chaudhary (Asst. Prof., University of Delhi)
	How Islamic is the Concept of Islamic Feminism? An Afterthought -Dr. Pinky Isha (Asst. Prof., Rabindra Bharati University)
	Gender Equality in Islam: The Ethical Dimension of Islamic Feminism -Md. Asif Shekh (Research Scholar, Jangipur College)
	Reclaiming epistemic authority: feminist hermeneutics from the Prophet’s household to contemporary Islamic thought -Iqra Sultan (Scholar, Jamia Hamdard)
	Reclaiming Qur’anic Authority: Amina Wadud’s Feminist Hermeneutics and Decolonial Futures of Islamic Knowledge -Mehedi Ahasan (Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	Beyond the Text: Feminist Hermeneutics of the Qur’ān and the Question of Reception in Muslim Societies -Yashfee Sadiqa Zaidi & Umarat Firdous (Scholars, Jamia Millia Islamia)
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM 	Technical Session 2 A (3:30 PM - 5:00 PM): Decolonising the Gaze: Feminist Politics of Visibility and Voice in Islam Chair: Dr. Ambar Ahmad Rapporteurs: Abhimanyu Singh Sengar & Yusra Siddiqui, Scholars, SNCWS

	Veiled, Threat: The Politics of Muslim Women's Visibility -Dr. Aateka Khan (Associate Prof., University of Delhi) & Dr Safia Amir (Asst. Prof., Jamia Hamdard)
	The Hijab: Historical Background, Symbolism and Feminist Reinterpretations -Dr. Maleeha Gul & Dr Ambreen Wani (Asst. Prof., University of Kashmir)
	The Cosmology of the Salon: Hair, Veiling, and Sufi-Feminist Ethics in Pasha's Girls Dr Amany Alsiefy (Humboldt University, Germany)
	The Decolonial Muslim Principle of Iffa (العفة) as an Ethical Politics of Self-Governance -Ibtisam Mohammad Abujad (Asst. Prof. Harper College Illinois, United States)
	Veil, Voice, and Violence: Islamic Feminism through the Lens of Narges Mohammadi -Mohammed Aflah pp & Anas (Scholars, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	Between Islamophobia and Islamisation -Swaliha & Vania Syed (Scholars, Ambedkar University)
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM 	Technical Session 2 B (3:30 PM - 5:00 PM): Sufi Imaginaries and Feminist Spiritualities Chair: Prof Muhammad Mushtaq Rapporteurs: Riya Sharma & Pratiti Ghose, Scholars, SNCWS
	Situating Hazrat Rabi'a Basri (r.a.) in the Contemporary Debate of Islamic Feminism -Dr. M.A. Afzal Farooq (Asst. Prof., Central University of Jammu)
	Piety Between Empires: Female Patronage, Sacred Space and the Fate of Imperial Mosques in Shahjahanabad (1630-1870s) -Sadiah Aziz (Asst. Prof., University of Delhi)
	Women of different ages: A Critical Study of Islamic Feminism with special focus on Five Featured Women -Dr. Mustabshira Siddiqui (Asst. Prof., Taibah University, Saudi Arabia)

	Rabī'a al-'Adawiyya to Ummi Raehanun: Continuity of Female Saints in Sufi Tradition -Muhammed Salih (Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	From Rābi'a to the Present: Women's Sufi Spiritualities as Everyday Feminist Resistance -Muhammed Fayiz (Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 	Technical Session 3 (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM): Revisiting Islamic Jurisprudence: Gender Justice and Family Law Reform Chair: Prof Huma Yaqub Rapporteurs: Barshamita & Humaira Nabi, Scholars, SNCWS
	Islamic or Muslim Law(s)?: Feminist Interventions -Dr. Seema Kazi (Associate Professor, Centre for Women's Development Studies)
	What-If Jurisprudence: Narrative Ijtihād and the Felt Life of Egalitarian Ethics in Muslim Women's YA Fantasy -Dr Mario Valori (University of Pisa, Italy)
	Reclaiming the Sacred: Faith-Based Feminism and Legal Reform in Shi'i Iran -Dr Samaneh Oladi (Virginia Commonwealth University)
	Beyond Patriarchy: Women as Central Actors in the Objectives of Shariah -Muhammed Mishal (Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	Integrating Gender Justice and Islamic Family Law: A Comparative Study of Social Traditions and Judicial Transformation in Contemporary Morocco and Indonesia -Muhammed Arif K (Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	Patriarchal Overreach and the Feminist Reclamation of Sharia: Analyzing Islamic Feminism in "The Stoning of Surayya" -Fathimath Suhara V (Asst. Prof., Ansar Arabic College)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Keynote Speaker (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM): Prof. miriam cooke
Islamic Feminism Across Time and Space

Coordinators: Arushi Poddar, Scholar, SNCWS



End of first day. Hope you had a good experience.



DAY 2 - SATURDAY - NOV 8, 2025

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM



Technical Session 4 A (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM): Lived Experiences of Muslim Women and Grassroots Activism

Chair: Dr Sanobar Hussaini

Rapporteurs: Priyanka Das & Vaibhav, SNCWS

Resilience and Spirituality among War-Affected Women in Palestine: A Narrative Analysis
-Aushique Ali (Asst. Prof., Alshifa College of Arts and Science)

Muslim Women in India: Identity, Agency and Sisterhood
Dr Suraiya Tabassum (Asst. Prof., Jamia Millia Islamia)

Embodying Faith in Munambam: Gender, Devotional Practices, and the Making of Sacred Space in Coastal Kerala
-Athila Hussain (Research Scholar) & Dr Abdul Sakir P M (Amal College of Advanced Studies)

The Intersection of Religion and Education: Muslim Women's Educational Transformation in Kerala
-Hasna V P (Research Scholar, University of Calicut)

Muslim Women's Empowerment Through Self-Help Groups in Anantnag, Kashmir: A Study of Social, Financial, and Capacity-Building Impacts
-Humaira Nabi, Anurag Singh & Yusra Siddiqui (Research Scholars, Jamia Millia Islamia)

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM 	Technical Session 4 B (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM): Historical Trajectories of Muslim Women's Scholarship and Activism Chair: Prof Anis ur Rehman Rapporteurs: Devansh Dixit & Anurag Singh, PhD Scholars, SNCWS
	Educating Muslim Girls: A Study of Rokeya's Contribution wrt "Sultana's Dream" - Dr Md. Aslam Parwez (Asst. Prof., Jagjiwan College)
	Retrieving the Archives: Forgotten Feminists from South Asia -Dr. Huma Hasan (Asst. Prof., Aligarh Muslim University)
	Negotiation and Collaboration: Male Islamic Scholars and Women's Reform in 19th and 20th Century India -Mohd Siddique Khan (Asst. Prof., Dehradun University of Technology)
	Interrogative Encounters: Gendered Lives, Power Dynamics, and Legal Pluralisms in Mughal India, 1500s-1600s -Tanya Kumar (Independent Research Scholar)
	Challenging Patriarchy from Within: Muslim Women's Education, Agency, and Feminist Praxis in Colonial Bengal -Rabiul Molla & Tanmoy Saha (Research Scholars, Rabindra Bharati University)
	Writing Reform, Shaping Futures: The Urdu Magazine Khatun and the Birth of a Muslim Women's Public Sphere -Dr. Lubna Irfan (Asst. Prof., Aligarh Muslim University)
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM 	Technical Session 5 A (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM): Muslim Women and Fiction: Islamic Feminist Perspectives Chair: Dr Ambreen Jamali Rapporteurs: Vaibhav & Mohd. Sajid, SNCWS
	Faith, Identity, and the Muslim Female Migrant in Leila Aboulela's Fiction - Dr. Khedidja Chergui (L'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bouzaréah, Algiers)

	Reimagining Ladyland: Decolonial Futures and Islamic Feminist Ethics in Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's Sultana's Dream -Prof. Aditi Sarkar (Adjunct Faculty, Christ University)
	Muslim Women in Muslim Diaspora -Dr. Suab Ahmed (Asst. Prof., University of Delhi)
	Illuminating the Lamp Within: An Islamic Feminist Discourse on Banu Mushtaq's Heart Lamp -Dr. Arshi Khan (Asst. Prof., Integral University)
	A Study of Islamic Feminist Perspectives in Fiction With Reference to Rajaa Al-Sanea's Girls of Riyadh -Shiva Upadhyay (Research Scholar, Central University of Rajasthan)
	Contemporary Reflections on Islamic Jurisprudence: Gender and Family Law in Transition -Diya Fathima P (Scholar, Al Batool Islamic College For Women)
	The Intersection of Grassroots Activism and Muslim Women's Identities in Heart Lamp: A Feminist Study -Rashmi Ranjan Panigrahi & Parthajyoti Roy (Scholars, Banaras Hindu University)
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM 	Technical Session 5 B (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM): Muslim Women and Fiction: Islamic Feminist Perspectives Chair: Dr Shubi Abidi Rapporteurs: Riya Sharma & Humaira Nabi, Scholars, SNCWS
	Writing as Survival: Analysing Lived Realities of Muslim Women through Fadwa Tuqan's Autobiography A Mountainous Journey -Irum Khurshid (Research Scholar) & Dr Adiba Faiyaz (Aligarh Muslim University)
	Bridging the Gap Between Islamic Jurisprudence and the Quest for Gender Justice: A Postcolonial Feminist Reading of Banu Mushtaq's Selected Short Stories -Afroz Bano (Research Scholar, University of Lucknow)

	Beyond Prevailing Stereotypes: Islamic Feminist Readings of Contemporary Muslim Women's Fiction -Bushra Zaman (Research Scholar) & Prof. Jawed S. Ahmed, Aligarh Muslim University
	Begum Rokeya's Reformist Vision: Tracing South Asian Muslim Women's Thought as a Genealogy of Islamic Feminism -Md Ahesan Ali (Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	"Biwi ka Mahr": Islamic Feminism in the Urdu Public Sphere and the Azad Hind Rhetoric -Kainaat Ghazal (Scholar, Institute of Language Studies and Research, Jadavpur University [ILSR-JU])
	Narrating Liberation: Fiction As Queer Islamic Feminist Praxis -Mohammed Aslam M P (Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM 	Plenary Speaker 1 (12:30 PM - 2:00 PM) Dr Roja Fazaeli Defining "Muslim Woman": Notes from the Field on Iranian Women's Identities in the Diaspora Coordinator: Chaitali P., PhD Scholar, SNCWS
 LUNCH BREAK (2:00 PM - 2:30 PM) 	
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 	Technical Session 6 (2:30 PM - 4:30 PM): Intersections of Islamic Feminism with Decolonial Thought Chair: Dr Suraiya Tabassum Rapporteurs: Kulsoom Latifi & Preeti Maurya, PhD Scholars, SNCWS
	The Problem of Historicity: Why Islamic Feminism Fails to Decolonise the Qur'an? -Dr. Zahra Mohagheghian (Asst. Prof., Humboldt Foundation, Germany)
	Decolonizing Epistemologies: Reclaiming Women's Mystical Voices in the Medieval Islamic World -Dr. Gulrukh Khan, Asst. Prof., Aligarh Muslim University

	Decolonizing Islamic Tradition: Islamic Feminism as Epistemic and Ethical Renewal -Dr. Talha Rehman (Teacher, Amity Private School, Sharjah)
	Reclaiming Knowledge and Justice: Decolonial Dimensions of Islamic Feminism -Dr. Farah Shahin (Research Associate, Indian Institute of Public Administration)
	Decolonizing Islamic Feminism: Epistemological Challenges and Ethical Possibilities -Muhammed Aslam P (Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University)
	Oppana as Decolonial Praxis: Muslim Women, Affective Labour, and Islamic Feminist Ethics in Kerala's Wedding Performance -Aiswarya Nanda V (Scholar, Banaras Hindu University)
	Islamic Feminism and Decoloniality: Toward Alternative Epistemologies, Ethics and Modes of Praxis -Ameera Rehmaan & Ishika Sen (Scholars, Manav Rachna University)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 	Plenary Speaker 2 (4:30 PM - 5:30 PM): Professor Asma Afsaruddin Rereading the Qur'an through a Muslim Feminist Lens Coordinator: Arushi Poddar, SNCWS
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 	Technical Session 7 A (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM): Lived Experiences of Muslim Women and Grassroots Activism Chair: Dr Firdous Azmat Rapporteurs: Pratiti Ghose & Yusra Siddiqui, Scholars, SNCWS
	From Karachi to Guantánamo: The Silencing of Aafia Siddiqui and the Politics of Muslim Womanhood -Rubaiya Nasrin (Research Scholar, Jadavpur University)

	Bodies in Resistance: Muslim Women Activism and the Politics of Visibility -Nilofar Anjum Siddiqui (Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
	Islamic Ethics, Embodied Practices, and Gendered Subjectivities in the Educational Experiences of Muslim Girls in Kerala -Shadiya Zubair Ummalil (Scholar, Central University of Punjab)
	Where the City Ends and God Begins: Jamia Nagar as a Feminine Agentic Barzakh -Khushi Khan & Hammadurrahman (Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia)
	A Feminist Cultural Materialist reading of Marsiyas: The icon of Zaynab in the 21st century -Madeeha Ahmad & Saim Raza (Scholars, Aligarh Muslim University)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 	Technical Session 7 B (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM): Digital and Cultural Frontiers of Muslim Feminism: Women's Activism and Representation in New Media Chair: Prof Meher Fatima Rapporteurs: Devansh Dixit & Anurag Singh, PhD Scholars, SNCWS
	Islamic Feminist Perspectives on the Representation of Muslim Women in Tamil Cinema -Dr. N. Nazini & Dr. A.R. Vimal Raj (Prof., Saveetha Institute Of Medical And Technical Sciences)
	Hardcovers and Hashtags: Transnational Feminist Archives in Neoliberal Economies -Dr. Priyanka Das (Asst. Prof., Presidency University Kolkata)
	Dusting the Boudoir: Excavating Islam's Feminism from the Ruins of Cultural Bombardment -Dr. Shakira Khatoon (Asst. Prof., Aligarh Muslim University)
	Representation of Muslim Female in Contemporary Bengali Language Cinema from India: Symbolic Annihilation Perspective -Rosona Khatun (Research Scholar, Aliah University)

	Digital Ijtihad: Instagram as a Site for Islamic Feminist Epistemology and Decolonial Praxis -Abu Saad Shaikh (Scholar, Indira Gandhi National Open University)
6:30 PM- 7:30 PM 	Valedictory (6:30-7:30 PM): Professor Kecia Ali Islamic Feminism and Struggle for Justice Today Coordinator: Chaitali P., PhD Scholar, SNCWS
 End of the conference. Hope you had a great experience. 	