Spring, 2009
Block 7: Wed. 1:30-4:00

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Thurs. 10:30-11:30

Schedule of Classes:

   Wed. Jan. 21: NO CLASS: MONDAY SCHEDULE
3. Wed. Feb. 4: The Issue of Honor
   Library Session, Tisch Library, 1:30-2:30
5. Wed. Feb. 18: The Qur'an as text and as historical source
7. Wed. Mar. 4: Roundtable and Presentations
8. Wed. Mar. 11: Presentations, Family and Law
10. Wed. Apr. 1: Modernization, Patriarchy and Women
11. Wed. Apr. 8: Patriarchy and Identity in the Modern World
12. Wed. Apr. 15: Roundtable and Presentations

Course Readings:
The following required books are available for purchase at the bookstore. Books will also be on reserve at the Tisch Library. Additional readings will be available on Blackboard. Assigned videos are on reserve at Tisch Media Center.

Fatima Mernissi, *Dreams of Trespass*, Longman
Barbara F. Stowasser, *Women in the Qur’an, Traditions and Interpretation*

**Course Requirements:**

Brief response papers for each class.
Bibliographical assignment, due Feb.?
One short paper, 5-7 pages, due. Feb.25
Presentation and discussion of papers, Mar. 4
Revision of first paper, Mar. 11
Second short paper, due Mar. 25
Revision of second paper, Apr. 1
Term paper, 12-15 pages, first draft due Apr. 15
Presentation and discussion of papers, Apr. 24
Revised term paper, due May 4

Regular class attendance and preparation are expected and will count for one third of the grade. Short papers count for another third, and the final paper for a third. Please note that the dates above will not be changed without a compelling reason, and late papers will drop a grade point. If you have to miss a class, you must notify me in advance and state the reason. **All students must attend the library session.**

**Schedule of Assignments:**

**Jan. 28: The Structures and Effects of Patriarchy**
Deniz Kandioti, "Islam and Patriarchy: a Comparative Perspective," in Baron and Keddie, eds., *Women in Middle Eastern History* (Blackboard)

Germaine Tillion, *The Republic of Cousins*, Chaps. 5, 9 (Blackboard)
View films on reserve at Tisch Media Center:
“Silences of the Palace”
“Leila”

**Feb. 6: The Issue of Honor**
D. Edwards, excerpt from *Heroes of the Age* (Blackboard)

In addition choose one of the following:

C. Safilios-Rothschild, “‘Honour’ Crimes in Contemporary Greece,” Blackboard

View of the following:
- “Crimes of Honour”
- “Against My Will”
- “Divorce Italian Style”
- “Seduced and Abandoned”
- “Adam’s Rib”

**Feb. 11: The Qur’an, Family and Women**

F. Denny, *An Introduction to Islam*, Chaps. 5,6 (reserve)

Qur’anic accounts of the prophets (Blackboard)

QUR’AN, Sura 4

Bell, *Introduction to the Qur’an*, Chapt. 4 (Blackboard)

**Feb. 18: The Qur’an as Text and as Source.**

STOWASSER, Introduction, Part I, Chaps. 1-6

Nikki Keddie, *Women in the Middle East. Past and Present*, pp. 9-47

Bell, Chaps. 6,7 (Blackboard)

M. Cook, excerpts from *The Koran, a Very Short Introduction* (Blackboard)

*Historiographical issue: scripture as a primary source*

**Feb. 25: The hadith: Impact and Meaning**

John Burton, *An Introduction to Hadith*, Introduction, Chapt. 2 (Blackboard)

STOWASSER, Chaps. 8-9

Spellberg, Introduction (Blackboard)

hadith (Blackboard)

*Historiographical issue: oral traditions as a primary source*

**Mar. 4: Roundtable and presentations**

read papers of other students and prepare to comment

Keddie, pp. 48-59

Huda Lutfi, "Manners and Customs of Fourteenth-century Cairene Women" (Blackboard)

**Mar. 11: Roundtable, Family and law**

Hadith on *nikāh and talāq*, in *Sahih Muslim* (reserve)

"Nikāh" from Enc. Islam, and "Talāq" from *Shorter Encyclopaedia of Islam* (Blackboard)
excerpt from J. Tucker, *In the House of the Law* (Blackboard)
View: “Who will cast the first stone?”

*Historiographical issue: Law as an indication of practice and ideal*

**Mar. 25: Family, Money, and the State**
"Mirāth" from *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (Blackboard)
C. Petry, "Class Solidarity versus Gender Gain: Women as Custodians of Property in later Medieval Egypt" (Blackboard)
L. Peirce, Excerpts from *Morality Tales: Law and Gender in the Ottoman Court of Aintab* (Blackboard)

*Historiographical issue: Uses of legal documents*

**Apr. 1: Modernization, Patriarchy and Feminism**
Keddie, pp. 48-74
Excerpt from Huda Shaarawi, *Harem Years* (Blackboard)
Begin MERNISSI

*Historiographical issue: Reading polemic*

**Apr. 8: Patriarchy and Identity in the Modern World**
MERNISSI, finish

*Historical issue: reading autobiography*

**April 15: Roundtable and Presentations**

**April 22: Roundtable and Presentations**