COURSE DETAIL

WOMEN AND GENDER IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of London, Queen Mary
Program(s) University of London, Queen Mary
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Women’s & Gender Studies Religious Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title WOMEN AND GENDER IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM
UCEAP Transcript Title WOMEN/MEDIEVL ISLAM
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the history of women in medieval Islamic societies (600 - 1500 AD), through their experiences and representations in art and literature. The course aims at finding the boundaries that divided the worlds of women and men in the economic, legal, and spiritual spheres. It does so by looking at a variety of texts, including the Qur'an, Prophetic traditions, marriage contracts, travelers' accounts, and the tales of the Arabian Nights. By comparing sources from diverse cultural perspectives, students consider the development of a cultural, economic, legal, and spiritual female identity in the Middle Ages, and critically examine medieval and modern discourses on women and Islam.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HST5131

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Society and Environment

Host Institution Degree

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