

Symposium – Muslim Women and Agency in the Australian Context

Wednesday & Thursday, 21 & 22 February 2018

Draft Program:

Day 1 – Wednesday 21 February 2018

8.30 – 8.55am	Registration
8.55 – 9.00am	Official MC Welcome
9.00 – 9.15am	Opening of Day 1
9.15 – 10.00am	Keynote Speaker - Prof Julie Macfarlane – <i>topic to be advised</i>
10.00 – 10.20am	Dr Ghena Krayem – <i>Muslim Women, Agency and Family Law Processes In Australia</i> – ARC Project
10.20 – 10.50am	Morning Tea
10.50am – 12.10pm	<p>Panel 1 – Muslim Women and Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rawaa El Ayoubi Gebara, Charles Sturt University – <i>Insight on Leadership of Muslim Women: Qur’anic Perspective</i> • Ms Maha Abdo OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Muslim Women Association – <i>Faith over Fear: Muslim Women Empowerment through faith</i> • Dr Nora Amath, <i>Pathways to Active Citizenship: The role of Muslim Women’s Organisations in Australia</i> • Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC NSW – <i>Politics of Representation: Challenging the Narrow Perceptions of Muslim Women</i>
12.10 – 12.55pm	<p>Panel 2 – Spirituality and Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Feda Abdo, Muslim Women Association – <i>Finding a Way Forward: the revival of female scholarship in Islam</i> • Ms Genan Dadoun, Shifa Institute – <i>The Positive Contribution of Muslim Women to the Spiritual Development of Communities in the Early Generations of Islam</i>
12.55 – 1.45pm	Lunch Break (incl. prayers)
1.45 – 3.20pm	<p>Panel 3 - Muslim Women – Dealing with Challenges and ‘Islamophobia’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Wajiha Ahmed, Partner, Buttar Caldwell & Co – <i>The Rise of the hidden Islamophobia</i> • Ms Tasneem Chopra, Chairperson, Australian Muslim Women’s Centre for Human Rights – <i>The Toxicity of Hyper Masculinity and Abuse of Power in Leadership</i> • Dr Mehal Krayem, Tutor, University of Technology Sydney & Ms Rhonda Itaoui, Western Sydney University – <i>Daawah and Dialogue – How Muslim Women navigate day-to-day interactions in a period of heightened Islamophobia</i> • Dr Derya Iner, Charles Sturt University – <i>Women’s Agency in Coping with Islamophobia in Australia</i> • Ms Hanan Dover, Clinical & Forensic Psychologist – <i>Islamophobia Hurts – The Failure and Challenges of Social Cohesion in Multicultural Australia</i>
3.20 – 3.45pm	Afternoon Tea



3.45 – 5.20pm	Panel 4 – Muslim Women, Representation and Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Laura Smith-Khan, Researcher, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney – <i>Refugee discourse, the media and communicative resources: Credibility in the case of “Abyan”</i>• Dr Amira Aftab, Tutor, Macquarie University – <i>Muslim Women’s Agency through a Feminist Institutional Lens</i>• Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Macquarie University & Dr Mehal Krayem, Tutor, University of Technology Sydney – <i>Off Script and Indefensible: the Failure of the Moderate Muslim</i>• Mr Muhammed Aksu, PhD Candidate, University of Western Australia – <i>‘Good’ Muslim Women on the screen, an analysis of Muslim women in recent Australian Film and Television</i>• Ms Sarah Malik, Journalist – <i>Engaging Community and Broader Society through the Media</i>
5.20pm	Conclusion

Day 2 – Thursday 22 February 2018

8.30 – 9.00am	Registration
9.00 – 9.05am	Official MC Welcome
9.05 – 10.05am	Panel 5 – New Spaces, Agency and Muslim Women <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Jennifer Cheng, Postdoctoral Fellow, Western Sydney University – <i>Do Muslim Women have to become ‘Westernised’ to play competitive sport? The case of the Auburn Giants Women’s AFL Team</i>• Ms Nur Shkembji, University of Melbourne & Ms Monique Toohey, Nasiha Consulting – <i>Passion Café – Art and Agency; setting the stage for Muslim Women through a performative and narrative based practice</i>• Ms Saffaa, PhD Candidate, University of Sydney – <i>I Am My Own Guardian: Resistance, Agency and Art</i>
10.05 – 10.50am	Keynote Speaker - Dr Susan Carland - <i>topic to be advised</i>
10.50 – 11.15am	Morning Tea
11.15am – 12.35pm	Panel 6 – Facilitating Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Silma Ihram, Director, Diversity Skills Training- <i>Barriers to Muslim Women’s Leadership in Australia and its consequences</i>• Ms Monique Toohey, Managing Director & Principal Psychologist, Nasiha Consulting Group – <i>Know Thy Self: The Psychology behind ‘Doing Diversity’ and the development of Cultural Intelligence (CQ)</i>• Ms Leila Khaled, PhD Candidate/Researcher, Charles Sturt University – <i>Muslim Women’s Agency: Yesterday, Today, Forever</i>• Ass Prof Mehmet Ozalp, Director, Centre for Islamic Sciences and Civilisation, Charles Sturt University – <i>Facilitating the Agency and Leadership of Muslim Women in community organisations</i>
12.35 – 1.30pm	Lunch Break (incl. prayers)
1.30 – 3.05pm	Panel 7 – Muslim Women and Family Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Nuzhat Lotia, Chief Operations Officer, Australian Muslim Women’s Centre for Human Rights – <i>Marrying Young – An exploratory study of young Muslim women’s agency and decision making on early marriage</i>• Ms Sarwa Abdelraheem. Solicitor & Ms Tasnim Saeid. Solicitor – <i>TBC</i>



- Dr Nada Ibrahim, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Islamic Thought & Education, University of South Australia – *Muslim Women’s Experiences with the Criminal Justice System in Australia: Reporting Domestic and Family Violence*
- Dr Anisa Buckley, Research Fellow, Melbourne University – *Seeking Agency in Divorce: Exploring the experiences of born and convert Muslim Women in Australia*
- Ass Prof Asmi Wood, Australian National University – *Is Islamic law compatible with Gender Equality*

3.05 – 3.25pm Afternoon Tea

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- 3.25 – 5.00pm Panel 8 – **Muslim Women, Identity and Agency**
- Ms Ayah Wehbe, Research Assistant, University of NSW – *Silent Invisible Women: Exploring the Identity and Lived Experiences of Australian Lebanese-Muslim Women with a Hearing Impairment*
 - Ms Lisa Irving, PhD Candidate, Macquarie University – *A disorderly love: lesbian Muslim experiences of belonging, rejection and life on the spiritual fringes in Sydney Australia*
 - Mr Fadi Baghdadi, PhD Candidate, University of Sydney – *‘A Flag for Islam’, With or Without the Headscarf: Rejecting Reductionism of Muslim Women*
 - Dr Toni-Pikos-Sallie, Deputy Principal, Aust Islamic College Perth – *Personal Narrative – An Insider-Outsider Perspective of Living Islam as a Western Muslim Woman*
 - Leading Constable Maha Sukkar, Victorian Police – *TBC*

5.00pm Conclusion
