

Special Issue

Gender, Violence and Islam

Message from the Guest Editor

Scholarship on gender-based violence and Islam has been mostly dedicated to analyze: (1) the different exegetical and legal tradition's positions towards private and public violence and (2) the GBV as a result of the application of tribal law in case of honor crimes. This Special Issue will focus on: (1) the violent mechanisms through which heteronormativity reproduces essentialist politics of gender identity, dismantling indigenous and traditional notions and practices of sex and gender; (2) the new reformist theological and jurisprudential hermeneutics regarding crossdressers, bisexuals and transgender people's (in classical Islam: khunta) human rights. Some suggested themes are: the neo-colonialist global 'Westernization' of the 'discourse' about non-heteronormativity and the consequent response of postcolonial scholars and actors and stances taken by ulema; the invisibility of 'structural' and 'State' GBV; -gender based discrimination and violence on Muslim subjects in diaspora; warfare and genocide. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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