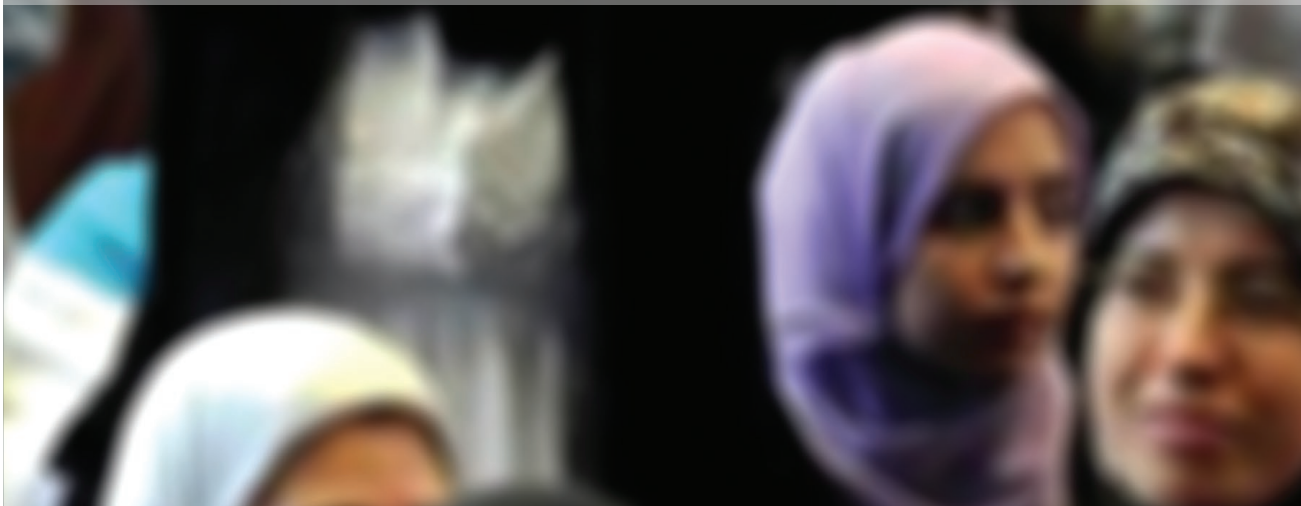




ISLAMIC FEMINISMS:

Challenging Patriarchy in Muslim-Majority Societies



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Beginning in the twentieth century, Muslim feminist scholars started challenging culturally-derived attitudes that shaped patriarchal societies in Muslim-majority countries. Their methodology, which reinforces Islamic Feminism, is to return to the Qur'anic text in order to retrieve what they believe to be the original egalitarian thrust of the central scripture of Islam. Afsaruddin will discuss how these women scholars offer critiques of traditional methodologies of engaging the Qur'an and provide "alternative" readings of verses that deal specifically with gendered relations.



Speaker:

Professor Asma Afsaruddin

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