



Advanced Centre for Women's Studies

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invites you to a talk on

'Religion, Secularism and Gender: Reading Islamic Feminist Hermeneutics'

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Abstract of the talk

The relation between religion and feminism are interpreted as oxymoron in the mainstream discourse on gender (Alcoff & Caputo 2011). One of its reasons lies in the meta-narrative of secularism (in opposition to religion and the sacred) which is counted as the space for foregrounding the politics of feminism. However, there is an emerging literature on feminism and religion that challenges the previously held assumptions on gendered lives within religious communities (Rhouni 2011). Scholars from various religious traditions have emerged to argue for a gender politics based on religious ethics and propose an alternative feminist theology of liberation (Fiorenza 1999). In this talk, I analyse the discourse on religion, secularism and gender through the reading of Islamic feminist hermeneutics. It also explores the approaches and challenges within the contemporary Islamic feminist engagements.

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