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The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, in cooperation with the Department of Women’s Studies and the Shirley Chisholm Center for Research on Women, presents

Dilemmas of Islamic Feminisms

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Her talk on October 29 will explore ways in which a multifaceted understanding of Islamic feminisms can contribute to productive dialogue about the future of Muslim women in both Islamic and secular states. Towards that end, numerous interpretations of Islamic, secular, collaborative and hybrid feminisms that have surfaced in Islamic and non-Islamic nations will be discussed. To do this, one needs a comprehensive review of what local oppressions exist in specific countries and what coalitional functions can occur in different communities to better women’s lives and sense of personhood.

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11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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