

## FEMINISM IN ISLAM

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### ABSTRACT

**Islamic Feminism** is a form of feminism concerned with the role of women in Islam. It aims for the full equality of all Muslims, regardless of gender, in public and private life. Islamic feminists advocate women's right gender equality and social justice rounded in an Islamic framework. Although rooted in Islam the movement's pioneers have also utilized secular, Western, or otherwise non-Muslim feminist discourses, and have recognized the role of Islamic feminism as part of an integrated global feminist movement.

Advocates of the movement seek to highlight the deeply rooted teachings of equality in the religion and to encourage a questioning of the patriarchal interpretation of Islamic teaching through the Qur'an (holy book), Hadith (sayings of Muhammad PBH) and Sharia(law) towards the creation of a more equal and just society.

There are substantial differences to be noted between the terms 'Islamic feminist' and 'Islamist'.

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