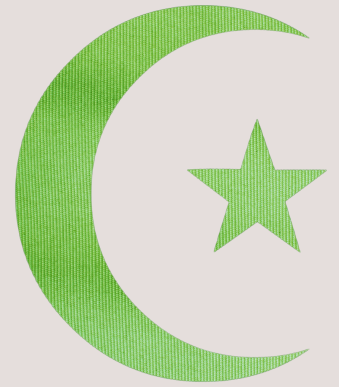


Muslim American Women's Attitudes towards Islamic Law: Support or Rejection?



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This presentation contributes to the growing interest in Muslim-American women's attitudes and behavior, by examining their position on Islamic law—a central yet contentious institution that is argued by some to have positive implications for women's status, while others find it problematic. Based on data collected from 51 interviews, Rahman finds that while there is substantial variation in attitudes toward Islamic law, overall there is more support. Among the women interviewed, Middle Eastern heritage and affiliation with the orthodox Sunni and Shia sects are predictors of support.

Dr. Fatima Rahman's research focuses on the status of minorities and women in the Middle East, democratization in the Middle East, Islam and politics, and Muslim Americans. Her work has appeared in the *Australian Journal of Political Science*, the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, and *Polity*.

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