



Women living under muslim laws
النساء في ظل قوانين المسلمين
Femmes sous lois musulmanes
Transnational Feminist Solidarity Network

Fellowship Announcement

Islamic Studies Research and Publications Fellows

About WLUML

Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML) is a transnational feminist solidarity network that promotes human rights, gender justice, and equality for people whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by patriarchal and/or authoritarian interpretations of Islam. For over thirty-five years, WLUML has worked with feminist movements to break isolation, build our collective power, and promote gender equality and human rights.

Our work aims to bridge the gap between scholarly advancement and discourses on women; human rights and gender equality; and the promotion of plural democracy. Working with WLUML, the research fellows will develop research and collaboration skills, gain practical experience as a member of a passionate and engaged team, and support rights movements in Muslim societies around the world.

Research and Publication Division:

WLUML produces regular research-based and scholarly publications (in the form of books, articles, reports, videos, and more) that are geared towards reaching a wide audience. This includes researchers, practitioners, activists in Muslim countries, and those working towards gender equality, human rights, and social justice. We are committed to mobilizing the feminist scholarly advancement in service of activists and advocates who are working to promote gender equality. As a feminist think tank, we believe sound research should be the basis of advocacy.

Islamic Studies Research and Publications Fellowship

With the goal of promoting women's rights and human rights, we invite interested scholars in Islamic studies to participate in a research project on women-centred interpretations of Islamic texts. Focusing on the following interrelated areas:

- Access to education and sciences at all levels
- Women's right to freedom of movement and mobility
- Women's right to political participation, to hold public office, and to serve in positions of power
- Freedom from violence, including domestic violence and other forms of gendered violence, and including consideration of the legitimacy of safe-houses and shelters for women and children
- Dress codes
- Employment

- Legitimacy of ministries of women/offices of women's affairs
- Use, abuse, and propagation of virtue, and the prevention of vice, as a form of government control, and
- Peacebuilding

The goals of the project and the concrete deliverables are:

- To produce scholarly literature review articles
- To produce short videos of 2, 5, or 7 minutes in length
- To conduct and publish interviews with scholars in the specified fields
- To map the various innovative ways that women have challenged patriarchal and authoritarian understandings of Islam and Muslim cultures, particularly through the use of digital technologies

Responsibilities include:

- Working with the WLUML research team to identify appropriate literature and scholars in the specified fields of research
- Work on identifying scholars and groups that focus on women-centered interpretations of various Islamic texts and religious laws, rules, customs and traditions
- Conduct interviews with scholars and advocates in the field
- Participate in the organisation of webinars related to the fields of research
- Collaborate with team members to build collaborative institutional structures for knowledge mobilization, dissemination, and exchange
- Foster mutual learning and strategize to achieve the specified project goals
- Work closely with the network to support outreach, planning and strategies across project priority areas

Required Qualifications & Skills:

- Good knowledge of Islamic Studies and familiarity with the work of feminist scholars of Islam
- Completed at least an undergraduate degree in relevant fields of study, graduate students are encouraged to apply
- Knowledge of / experience undertaking literature reviews and ability to conduct internet searches
- Experience with digital production is highly desirable
- Ability to conduct interviews with scholars, advocates, and practitioners, particularly on Zoom and using other digital platforms
- Strong oral and written communications skills in English
- Knowledge of Arabic, French, Dari/Farsi and other South Asian languages is desirable
- Proactive and self-motivated
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with team members
- Commitment to gender justice and women's rights

Duration: Six months with the possibility to extend

Location: Remote

Number of hours: Approximately 10 hours per week

Remuneration: We do not currently provide remuneration for interns and fellows; however, we are open to sponsoring fellowships

Supervision: The Intern/Fellow will be supervised by Prof. Homa Hoodar, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, Prof. Mona Tajali (Director of Human Rights and Middle East Studies Program, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, USA), and/or Prof. Vrinda Narain, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a **rolling basis starting 1 August 2021**

To Apply: please send your CV and cover letter to wluml.networking@gmail.com.

For any further inquiries, please email us, at hoday.wluml@gmail.com. Please make sure to put “Islamic Studies Research Fellow” in the subject heading.