

Woman's Identity and Rethinking the Hadith

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Abstract

I will discuss my work on Muslim and Arab women's education, identity development and belief system as well as feminist and gender issues, focusing on my recent book, *Woman's Identity and Rethinking the Hadith* (2015). This book is a first step in a comprehensive attempt to contrast Hadith with the Qur'an to uncover unjust practices concerning women and gender issues. The book received strong support from the first reviewers <http://www.routledge.com/products/9781472446787>: "This is an important work on a timely issue that has been the subject of several scholarly works on Hadith studies and women and gender studies in Islam. I wish to stress that Nimat Hafez Barazangi has situated the subject in its historical context and provided important analysis and details relevant to the subject of Hadith and Women's identities;" "I feel that this work provides ample evidence of wide reading in the field of *Hadith*, and an important thesis that is based on the Qur'anic assertion that Islamic "Shari'ah" is a guided path and not a law"

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