**IAFS 3000-200**

**Gender, Geopolitics, and Islam**

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**Course Description:**

This course will examine the geopolitics of gender and Islam in various locations throughout the globe, such as Afghanistan, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel/Palestine, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Yemen. We will explore questions about geographic space, gender, and Islam such as: What constitutes a Muslim Space or the Muslim World?  Who decides and defines these spaces?  How are theses spaces gendered and influenced by political Islam, Islamic practice, Islamic Feminism and counter-Islamic politics? How do men and women’s experience of Islam vary and in what ways are they represented and contextualized by personal practice in comparison with political action? How does the gendering of places differ by context, custom, beliefs, or power structures in different locations? We will also explore how geopolitically contingent discourse shape representations of Muslim people and places associated with Islam.  The course materials will address the following topics: setting the historical context, contemporary Islamic feminisms, masculinity and femininity, Islamic praxis, mobility, corporeality, place, and identity.