

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC FEMINISM

PART I

FEMINISM

the advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.

"Islamic feminism derives its understanding and mandate from the Qur'an, seeks rights and justice for women, and for men, in the totality of their existence"

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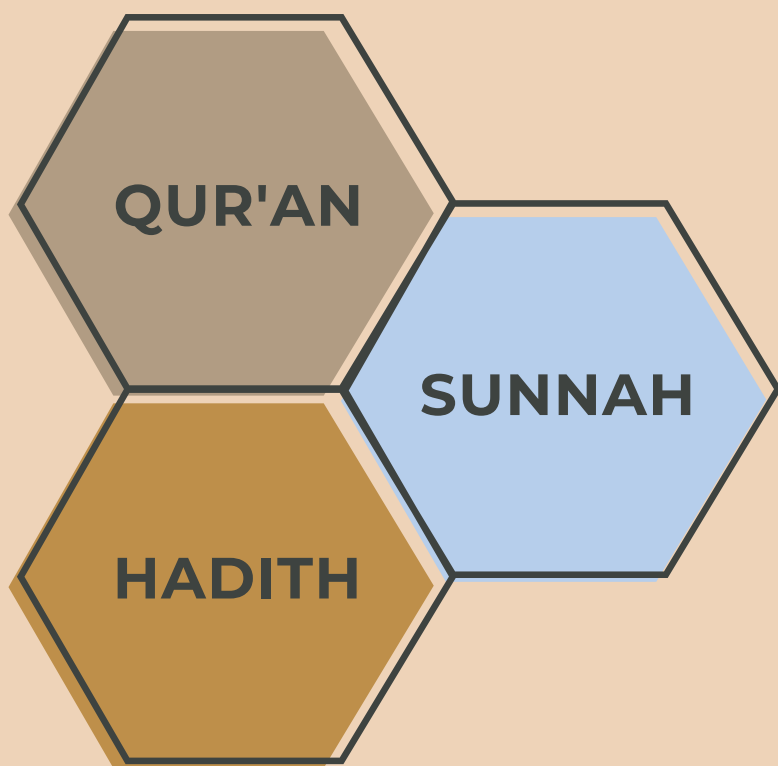
Advocates for full equality for all Muslims in both public and private spaces, regardless of gender.

Highlight the teachings of equality in Islamic jurisprudence by citing the Qur'an and the Hadith.

Critiques the sexist and patriarchal interpretations of Islam that are common in Islamic jurisprudence.

Acknowledges the limitations Western feminism has to promote gender equality in the Muslim world.

THE FOUNDATION



QUR'AN:

Holistically reinterpret the Qur'an from a female perspective to avoid the stereotyping associated with male interpretation of religious texts.

SUNNAH:

Identify the various ways that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) treated and advocated for the women around him and their human rights.

HADITH:

Sayings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that promoted gender equality and the rights of women.

READING THE QUR'AN AS A FEMINIST

Uses historical context, paying attention to the context of time and social norms at the relevant location to define the situation and condition of 7th C. Arab society.

Applies the intratextuality method, which looks at the text as a whole by correlating several verses that discuss the same theme rather than applying a single meaning to 1 verse.

Based on the perspective and interpretation of women, to avoid perceptions and stereotypes men have that may influence how they perceive the position of women.

Returns to the central theme of monotheism, tauhid, a core teaching of Islam, which recognizes God and Their uniqueness, indivisibility, and incomparable unity.