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INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC FEMINISM

PART II - CAMPAIGNS &
MODERN HISTORY

WOMEN IN ISLAM SERIES

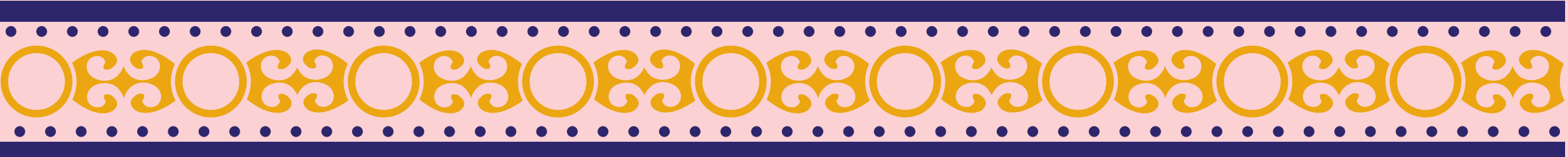


MUSLIMS FOR
PROGRESSIVE VALUES



CAMPAIGN AREAS

- **Women in leadership**
- **Bodily autonomy**
- **Equal inheritance**
- **Access to education for all**
- **Muslim family law reform**
- **Personal law reform**
- **Dress code**
- **Right to work**
- **Reproductive justice**
- **Equality in leading prayer**
- **Inclusive mosques**



Supporting women to have
choices in their lives [need] not
threaten the social fabric.
Ensuring that people enjoy the
full measure of their rights
strengthens the community.
And by way of shared values, it
extends the sense of
community, even to the global
level.

THORAYA AHMED OBAID



CAMPAIGN ACCOMPLISHMENTS I

A group of Egyptian feminists, led by Doria Shafik, successfully campaigned for a provision in Egypt's Constitution of 1956 that granted women the right to vote.

A ban on women driving in Saudi Arabia was lifted in 2018 after decades of protests and violations by Saudi women activists who recorded themselves driving and shared the videos across social media.

The Jordanian parliament abolished a law, which allowed rapists to escape punishment provided they marry their victims after a successful campaign by Jordanian women groups.

In 2017, Tunisia overturned a law that forbid Muslim women from marrying a non-Muslim man, clearing the way for a Muslim woman to marry the man of her choosing, regardless of his religion.



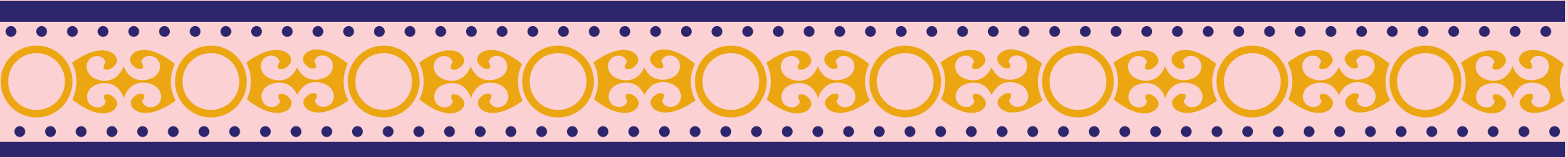
CAMPAIGN ACCOMPLISHMENTS II

In 2005, after nearly a decade of advocacy from women's rights organizations, the Maputo Protocol, which guarantees comprehensive rights to women across the AU, went into effect.

Women Living Under Muslim Laws was founded in 1984 by women in 8 majority Muslim countries to conduct advocacy work with a focus on the impact of laws inspired by Islam on women.

The world's first ever congress of women ulema (Islamic scholars) was held in Indonesia in 2017. Participants released a fatwa after the congress raising the age of marriage for girls to 18.

In collaboration with activists, the Deputy Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Sheikh Dr. Salah Abbas, issued a fatwa declaring that marriage in Islam is based on 2 consenting parties, and therefore child marriage is illegal.



We are certainly a long way from the Prophet's mosque, open to all, welcoming to all those interested in Islam, including women. The mosque now suffers a betrayal of Muhammad's (pbuh) ideal community: women are declared strangers to the place of worship. Women, who had the privilege of access to the mosque as sahabiyyaat, companions of the Prophet, very quickly became polluting, evil beings.

SHAMIMA SHAIKH

A BRIEF & RECENT HISTORY

1887

Aisha Taymur

known as the Mother of Egyptian Feminism, begins campaigning for women's rights, especially access to education.

1893

Raden Adjeng Kartini

begins writing letters criticizing Javanese cultural practices and Dutch colonial perceptions and laws that eliminated and restricted the human rights of Indonesian women.

1916

Begum Rokeya

founded the Muslim Women's Association, which fought for women's education & employment in then East Bengal.

1942

Aisha Abd al-Rahman

a Professor of Arabic Literature at Ains Shams University becomes one of the first women in modern history to undertake Quranic exegesis.

A BRIEF & RECENT HISTORY

1949

Du Shuzhen

becomes the imam at Shifu Mosque making her one of the first female Imams in modern Chinese history.

1977

Fatima Ahmed Ibrahim

founded the Sudanese Women's Union, a women's rights organization, now one of the largest post-independence women's rights organizations in Africa.

1977

Meena Keshwar Kamal

founded the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan to promote education equality.

1988

Benazir Bhutto

becomes the first woman in modern history elected to head the government in a Muslim-majority country, after she was democratically elected as Prime Minister of Pakistan.

A BRIEF & RECENT HISTORY

1994

Homa Darabi

died after self immolating herself after removing her hijab in Tehran, Iran in a protest against compulsory hijab.

2005

Amina Wadud

became the first female in modern history to publicly give Friday Khutbah and led Friday prayer for a mixed gender, nonsegregated audience at a community center in New York City.

2011

Samar Badawi

filed a lawsuit for women's suffrage in Saudi Arabia after her voter registration was denied, the first to do so in the state.

2012

Hind Makki

starts "Side Entrance", an online blog documenting the inadequate prayer spaces for women in mosques and educating Muslim men about the conditions Muslim women are forced to deal with in religious spaces.



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