



Samyukta: A Journal of Gender & Culture **Special Issue on Islamic Feminism**

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A discourse of gender equality grounded in re-readings of the Qur'an and other religious texts named "Islamic feminism" is now three decades old. A stunning body of theoretical literature on the discourse of Islamic feminism has built up over the years and drawn wide attention. This special issue of *Samyukta* offers a look at the practice and politics of Islamic feminism inspired by this discourse with a main focus on experience in Africa and Asia. This special issue will be of interest to those wishing to know how Islamic feminist activists over time and in disparate locations have confronted patriarchal practices imposed in the name of Islam by social conservatives and established religious authorities as well as how Islamic feminists have challenged authoritarian state regimes--whether self-declared 'secular' or 'religious'--which impose inequities through the force of law and policy. The contributions presented here draw from lived experience and personal and political activism. This special issue of *Samyukta* shows Islamic feminism to be a dynamic and capacious work in progress and hints at what might come in an era of post/revolutionary ferment in sundry locations.

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