

# **Women Power in Islam**

## **Feminist orientations and strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**

KOMED Communications- und MediaCentre,  
Im MediaPark 7, D – 50670 Cologne

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This international conference is a follow up of the event in March 2007 in Cologne. Women from different Islamic countries and diverse Muslim backgrounds discuss pressing questions of patriarchal interpretations of Qur'an and in the tradition which have dominated the history of "tafsir" ever since (with a few exceptions). The event is an opportunity for Muslim women who are committed to promoting women's rights in their respective countries to share their views and experiences. And it should encourage activists not to cease in their efforts to emphasize female perspectives on Islamic thought, religious and cultural practice.

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## **PROGRAMME**

## Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Arrival of participants and speakers at the hotel

**19.30 hrs** **Evening Event – Reception- Welcoming**  
**at:** OSMAN 41  
MediaPark 8

## Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

- 09.30 – 10.00 hrs** Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 hrs** **Welcoming Remarks and Introduction**  
**Dr. Johannes Kandel**  
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin  
**Dr. Lale Akgün,**  
Member of Parliament, Cologne
- 10.15 – 11.00 hrs** **Why Women matter in Islam – Feminist Perspectives on Qur’an and Traditions**  
**Prof. Amina Wadud**  
Berkeley, USA
- 11.00 – 12.00 hrs** **Discussion** chaired by  
**Asli Sevindim**  
WDR, Cologne
- 12.00 – 13.30 hrs** **Lunch Break**
- 13.30 – 17.00 hrs** **Workshops A – C**
- 15.30 – 16.00 hrs** **Coffee Break**

### **WORKSHOP A**

#### **Women, Qur’an and Shari’a Law**

**Dr. Asna Husein**

Indonesia

**Rabeya Müller**

ZIF, Cologne

**Ayşe Basibüyük**

Türkei

chaired by

**Dr. Christine Schirrmacher**

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### **WORKSHOP B**

#### **Islam and Family Laws – Aspects of Change and Reform**

**Prof. Malika Benradi**  
Morocco

chaired by  
**Dr. Rita Breuer (angefragt)**  
Aachen

### **WORKSHOP C**

#### **Education for Muslim women**

**Zainab Al-Suwaij**  
American Islamic Congress, Washington, USA

chaired by:  
**Miyesser Ildem (angefragt)**  
ZIF, Köln

**17.15 - 18.45 hrs**    **Summary: Interview with Chairpersons of the workshops**  
**Asli Sevindim**  
WDR, Cologne

**19.30 hrs**    **Dinner at XII Apostel**  
Bus Shuttle  
informal Meetings after Dinner

## **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 – 10.30 hrs**    **Key-Note Speech**  
**Dr. Lale Akgün**  
Member of Parliament, Cologne
- 10.30 – 11.00 hrs**    **Discussion** chaired by  
**Kirsten Boldt**  
Kölner Stadtanzeiger, Cologne
- 11.00 – 11.30 hrs**    **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 12.00 hrs**    **The Trouble with Islam – What can Muslim women do?**  
**Irshad Manji (angefragt)**  
Toronto, Canada
- 12.00 – 13.00 hrs**    **Discussion** chaired by  
**Alia Hogben**  
Canadian Council of Muslim Women, Canada
- 13.00 – 14.00 hrs**    **Lunch**
- 14.00 hrs**    **End of Conference**

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**Booking form**

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You are requested to send back your booking form  
**at the latest May 16<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Yes, I will attend**

Family name:

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First name:

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Job title/Academic degree:

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Authority/Organisation:

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Address:

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Phone:

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Fax:

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E-Mail:

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**I need hotel accommodation:**

- from June 10th to June 11th
- from June 11th to June 12th
- from June 12th to June 13th

**I prefer vegetarian food:**

- yes
- no

**I need a flight-/ train-ticket to Cologne:**

# Fax to: +49-30-269 35 952

Family name: .....  
Date: .....  
Time: .....  
Departure-Airport: .....

## I need a flight-/ train-ticket from Cologne:

Family name: .....  
Date: .....  
Time: .....  
Arrival-Airport: .....

## Insurance

I need an insurance during the conference:             yes                             no

For the insurance we need following information:

Date of Birth: .....  
Place of Birth: .....

Please send this form back to our office. Thank you very much. If you have any further questions or wishes, don't hesitate to contact us.

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