Lifelong Learning Centre
Seminar Series

*Muslim women between culture and religion: whose reality counts?*
Dr Hiam El-Gousi
(Lifelong Learning Centre)

Wednesday 11 May, 5.30 – 7.00pm
(Please see over for further details)
Title: Muslim women between culture and religion: whose reality counts?

Synopsis:
There is a general notion that Islam, as a religion, looks down upon women and encourages discrimination against them. Thus, the status of Muslim women has become a controversial issue, drawing significant research attention from scholars in different fields such as sociology, social development, theology and feminist studies.

The session will highlight the rights that Islam granted women on the one hand, and explain both the actual status of Muslim women and their rights in Muslim societies on the other. It will also explore how cultures, traditions and politics have not only deterred women from enjoying these rights but have had a negative impact on their wellbeing and development. Additionally, this session will examine contemporary issues grabbing headlines in the West, including the niqaab - the most heatedly discussed topic of the moment.

Dr Hiam El-Gousi: Biography
Dr Hiam El-Gousi is currently teaching on the Women in Islam module at the Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds.

In her PhD research she examined the role and influence of contemporary scholars on Arab's women rights with focus on Muslim women living in Egypt. She has 14 years of experience in community development, training and research in the Middle East and the UK.

Venue: Baines Wing, Seminar Room G.22
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Refreshments will be provided after the seminar

Interested???
This seminar is free to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic, however, in order to help us book refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place by contacting Lorna Thompson on 0113 343 3212 / l.n.thompson@leeds.ac.uk