

BOOK LAUNCH

MONDAY, OCT 16TH 2023 | 13:00 – 14:00 SAST

THE WOMEN'S KHUTBAH BOOK: CONTEMPORARY SERMONS ON SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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About the book:

A first-ever collection of contemporary Muslim women's khutbahs (sermons) drawing on their social, religious, and spiritual experiences and framed by original reflections on an emerging Muslim feminist ethics. Within the Muslim world, there is a dynamic and exciting social change afoot: a number of communities across the globe have embraced more gender-inclusive and representative ideas of religious authority. Within some spaces, women have taken on the role of preacher at the Jumu'ah (Friday) communal prayers. In other communities, women have been leading the prayers, officiating at marriage and funeral ceremonies, or participating on mosque boards or executive committees. These new developments signify a transformation in contemporary positions on gender and religious authority. The religious sermons (khutbahs) selected for this book highlight an array of pertinent topics: social justice, personal spiritual experiences, marital love, and divine love as well as the views of Muslims of different races, ethnicities, and gender identities. They are by contemporary Muslim women in a variety of new and emerging contexts from South Africa, Senegal, Egypt, Malaysia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Canada, Mexico, the United States, Germany, Denmark and the United Kingdom.

The goal of the book is to intentionally disrupt the traditional, heteronormative, patriarchal khutbah genre. The book includes templates and resources to guide readers in developing their own egalitarian khutbah practices.



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