A Dialogue on

Faith in Finance: Gender and the politics of value in Islamic finance

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Venue: Room 505, Esther Lee Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
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Abstract: Islamic finance is often represented as an attempt to reassert moral and political control within capital markets. Drawing on fieldwork in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia, I dissect these claims by examining the practices, policies, and politics of experts working in the field of Islamic banking. First, I explore the practices of new “Sharia Superstars” in the field of finance. Next I delve into powerful public-private partnerships as they extend and deepen financial intermediation across these regions. And finally, I examine Islamic feminist activism in response to these powerful new formations.

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