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ABOUT THE BOOK

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE: A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS

This collection of research papers presents a comprehensive examination of women's empowerment across various contexts in Muslim societies. The studies range from practical issues facing refugee women in Malaysia and the West to theoretical discussions of women's economic participation and political leadership roles in economic participation. The research highlights unique challenges and solutions, including the emergence of women's mosques in China and the role of moral sexuality in Islamic tradition. A significant focus is placed on refugee women's experiences, particularly their social status and lifelong learning opportunities. The Malaysian context receives special attention through analyses of women's political participation and economic empowerment. The papers emphasize how Islamic principles can support women's empowerment while addressing contemporary challenges. Topics cover practical aspects like refugee education and social integration, and theoretical frameworks for understanding women's roles in modern Muslim societies. The research demonstrates that women's empowerment in Islamic contexts requires balancing traditional values with modern needs while addressing socio-economic challenges facing Muslim women globally.

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