

Extremisms in Muslim Feminism and The Balanced Scale

Abstract Feminism seeks to remedy injustices and inequalities confronting women and the society at large. Within this broad social movement, points of tension exist between different camps whose trends of thought differ from one another even though they are headed towards a single objective, which is the empowerment of women and ultimately, the society. In staying clear of extremisms that could tilt the scale of social justice in Islam, Dr Aldila discusses the significance of adopting the equilibrium that ensures the scales are not tilted at either end. By exploring Muslim feminist liberal thought and the patriarchal saturated cultural practices of the Muslims, she expounds the concept of *ummatan wasatan* of Islamic feminism.

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