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Session Chair: Md. Setaur Rahman

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FEMALE EMPOWERMENT IN ISLAM

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Empowerment is one of the fundamental rights of a female citizen. It is a framework to ensure that all people are given the right to live in the society with their own position. This article expresses the attitude of Islam towards female empowerment. The western idea about woman's empowerment in Islam is biased. Islam is concerned with women's prosperity and preservation of their dignity. There are many verses in the al-Qur'an where women's empowerment, its importance and principles are described. Islam has ensured the highest security of woman in the society. Islam has elevated women to a very high position. For instance, the mother's dignity is higher than that of a father. A woman is considered as the queen to her husband. Girls can receive their education as boys. A woman is allowed to go out to earn in her Hijab. At the present time a large number of Muslim women all over the world perform their duties in media, hospitals, banks, academic institutes and many other congenial places wearing Hijab. Islam has emancipated them in all respects. So, the objective of the present study is to provide clear idea and sound knowledge about women's right, liberation, status and empowerment in Islam.

Keywords: *Women, Empowerment, Right, Importance, Islam.*

A FACADE OR SINCERE EFFORTS? A CASE STUDY OF POLITICAL PARTIES' FEMALE POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT AGENDA IN GE 14TH

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This study identifies the role of political institution namely political parties in Malaysia that play a crucial role in women's political empowerment. In addition to that, there is a need to analyse Malaysia's abysmal performance in women's political empowerment which is illustrated in female political representation in political leadership position as well as in legislature and executive organs of government. Malaysia is lagging behind its gender empowerment policies despite the existence of a dedicated ministry to focus on women affairs namely the Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development established in 2001. Based on the Global Gap Index 2018, Malaysia was ranked at 101st place out of 149 countries which further slips from the 70th out of 144 countries in 2017. This study explores the representation of gender agendas and female candidates in the last General Election in 2018. This paper contributes to understanding the pattern of political parties' responses towards the demands of female empowerment and inclusion in political processes. It identifies that there has been significant shifts of political parties' responses towards gender agendas by looking into the electoral manifestos provided by all three coalitions in the last GE 14.

Keywords: *Gender, Political representation, Political parties, Malaysian politics, Political identity*