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Seminar Series

Representations of Arab and Muslim Women in the Western Media: Mythology or Reality?

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Wednesday 27th February 2013, 5.30 – 7.30pm

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Synopsis:

Dr Hiam El-Gousi's session will look at one of the main characteristics of Muslim women's representation in the Western media: the image of the veil and the Harem as depicted in the early periods of Orientalism. She will consider the evolution of the veil as a symbol of oppression, subjugation, passivity and lack of scholarship. Dr El-Gousi will argue that the veil has been used by the media as a conduit to interpret the mores, values and advancement of a society. She will then discuss whether the media has had a counterintuitive influence on the revealing of Muslim women in recent times.

Biography:

Dr Hiam El-Gousi

Dr Hiam El-Gousi is currently teaching on Women, culture and Islam, Islam in the Western Societies and Introduction to Islamic history and civilization (6th -13th Century) at the Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds. She also teaches a variety of modules for the Department of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies. In her PhD research she examined the role and influence of contemporary scholars on Arab's women rights with focus on Muslim women living in Egypt. She has more than 15 years of experience in community development, training and research in the Middle East and the UK.

Venue:

Centenary Gallery
Parkinson Building
University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

There will be an opportunity to network over refreshments from 5.00pm.

Interested?

This seminar is **FREE** to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic—however, in order to help us organise refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place via the Eventbrite website <http://leedsunuillc.eventbrite.co.uk/> or by contacting Georgina Collins on 0113 343 6892 / g.collins@leeds.ac.uk.