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UCT department promoting inclusivity through series of events

A series of events are taking place at the University of Cape Town this week to celebrate 25 years of championing Muslim women's religious authority. The Department of Religious Studies and the African Gender Institute, together with American Muslim philosopher Emeritus Professor Amina Wadud, are seeking to promote inclusivity in Islam during the Gender Ethics and Religious Authority 2019 Programme.

In 1994, Emeritus Professor Wadud delivered a revolutionary pre-khutbah talk at the Claremont Main Road Mosque. This was followed by a similar event in New York in 2005, significantly shaping a global movement for gender-inclusivity in religious leadership.

In Women's Month 2019, this history of the struggle for gender justice is being recognised and deepened via the exchange between Muslim female academics, women from the community and others seeking to promote inclusivity in Islam.

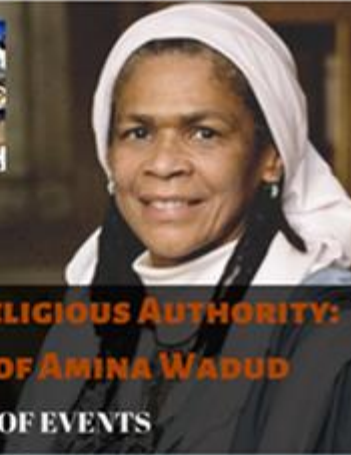
The events kicked off on 18 August and will continue until 25 August. They include a [public seminar on Islam and sexual diversity](#), a [khutbah writing workshop for women: from the musallah to the minbar](#), and a public talk on Muslim women's leadership: mapping the last 25 years.

Read the [full programme](#).

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**GENDER ETHICS & RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY:
CELEBRATING PROF AMINA WADUD**
A SERIES OF EVENTS

COMMEMORATIVE PUBLIC LECTURE
CELEBRATING AMINA WADUD: 25 YEARS OF GENDER-INCLUSIVE ETHICS
18 AUGUST 2019: 3PM-6PM

CLOSED LECTURE
SUFISM & THE DIVINE FEMINE
21 AUGUST 2019: 11AM-12H30PM

PUBLIC SEMINAR
ISLAM & SEXUAL DIVERSITY
22 AUGUST 2019: 9AM-11AM

WOMEN'S DHIKR EVENING
22 AUGUST 2019: 7PM-9PM

KHUTBAH WRITING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN
FROM THE MUSALLAH TO THE MINBAR
23 AUGUST 2019: 8H30AM-4PM

PUBLIC TALK (CMRM)
MUSLIM WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: MAPPING THE LAST 25 YEARS
25 AUGUST 2019: 11AM-12H30PM

Email: genderethicsprogram2019@gmail.com

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