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## Reconsidering Verses on Women in the Qur'an:

A Conversation with **Karen Bauer**  
and **Feras Hamza**

Karen Bauer (Institute of Ismaili Studies) and Feras Hamza (University of Wollongong in Dubai) have several co-authored publications, beginning with *'An Anthology of Quranic Commentaries. Volume II On Women'* (OUP, 2021). This anthology, part II of the *Anthology of Quranic Commentaries*, offers annotated translations of Qur'anic commentaries spanning twelve centuries and, unusually, interviews of contemporary Muslim scholars.

The *Anthology* led them to re-examine the place of women in the Qur'an itself, and in 2023 they published their monograph, *'Women, Households and the Hereafter in the Qur'an. A Patronage of Piety'* (OUP), which comprises a comprehensive analysis of the female subject in the Qur'an. This book offers a fresh perspective by undertaking the first historical-critical study of all the Qur'an's verses on women and by offering an initial overview of households and patronage – late antique social structures that took the place of formal state structures in the Qur'an's tribal milieu. The findings of this study call into question common approaches to Qur'anic theology, law, and narratives, to the nature of the early community, and to women's place in that community.



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