

Islamic Society holds women's rights conference

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The Islamic Society of Central Jersey recently held a conference about the rights of Muslim women.



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SOUTH BRUNSWICK – The township-based Islamic Society of Central Jersey held an all-day conference about Muslim women's rights on Oct. 26.

A panel discussion, "How Does Islam Enhance the Lives of Women," focused on education, equality and empowerment. Speakers Engy Abdelkader, Atiya Aftab, Lavonne Ansari, Abir Catovic, Heba Elkhateeb, Sami Elmansoury, Dalia Fahmy, Mohamed Abdelaziz Ibrahim, Suzy Ismail and Amaney Jamal discussed the following topics:

- “Challenges Confronting Muslim Women in Today’s Realities”
- “Women’s Rights in Marriage and Divorce According to Islamic Law”
- “Muslim Women’s Leadership Roles in Family and Society: The Positive Impact of Piety, Education and Scholarship”
- “The Islamic Concept of Equality between Men and Women”
- “The Hijab-Empowerment of Women.”

The public event was open to both men and women.

“The express purpose of the educational forum Muslim Women’s Rights: Education, Equality, Empowerment is to raise awareness around the challenges and triumphs experienced by members of the American Muslim community,” organizers said. “We also hope that it contributes to the development of new strategies for confronting and resolving issues that may otherwise undermine our success and advancement as a faith community in the U.S. Finally, the forum is meant to inform guests about the ways Islam can enhance the lives of women, despite the damaging actions of some of its adherents.”

For more about the Islamic Society of Central Jersey, visit www.ISCJ.org