

# What does it mean to be a Muslim woman in Canada Today?

## Canadian Muslim women speak on the Quebec Charter and Other Challenges: Perspectives on Identity, Civic Participation, and Gender Issues

### Speakers:

#### Shaheen Junaid

**'Notes from the Field: Reflections on personal journey as a Muslim activist in Canada'**

Ms. Junaid is national board member of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) and Governor, Area 51, Toastmasters International.

#### Leila Bedeir

**'Challenges facing Muslim women in Quebec'**

Ms. Bedeir is a founding member of the Collective des féministes musulmanes du Québec and teaches Humanities and Women's Studies at Vanier College.

#### Afra Jalabi

**'Narratives of gender identity in Islam'**

Ms. Jalabi is a columnist, a member of the Syrian National Council, Vice-chair of the Day After, and a PhD Candidate at Concordia University.

This public seminar will provide a glimpse into the lives of Muslim women to illustrate how they are navigating through the challenges arising from the current developments in the social and political spheres as active members of the Canadian society.

The seminar will commence with brief talks by three invited speakers and followed by an interactive discussion session.

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