

"The film, the first of its kind...is not to be missed by any who wish to enter the world of contemporary Islam with its lively gender dynamics being refashioned under our very eyes."

– Margot Badran

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Veiled Voices

a documentary by Brigid Maher

"I found myself being drawn into their lives and stories. The movie certainly offers a rare glimpse into the lives of Muslim women leaders. At times it surprised my own pre-conceived ideas about the women."

– Safiyyah Surtees, Muslima Media Watch

Women across the Middle East are trying to reclaim their role as leaders in Islam. *Veiled Voices* goes in-depth into the world of three Muslim women religious leaders, who say women were always meant to be powerful within the religion.

Ghina Hammoud faces a personal challenge in gaining legitimacy as a leader as a divorced woman, since divorce is controversial in conservative communities throughout Lebanon.

The story of Dr. Su'ad Saleh demonstrates how, in a country that is known for having the highest number of women religious leaders and teachers, these women still fight for recognition by the Egyptian religious authority at al-Azhar, the famous Cairo mosque and university founded in the 10th century.

Unlike her two counterparts in Lebanon and Egypt, Huda al-Habash has both institutional support and the support of her husband.

Filmed over the course of two years in Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, *Veiled Voices* reveals a world rarely documented, exploring both the public and private lives of these luminary women. Each triumphs over difficult challenges as they carve out a space to lead - both in Islam and in their communities.

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