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The significant role of women in participating in, and shaping, the Islamic scholarly tradition through the centuries is still hardly reflected in either Western scholarly or public perceptions. Nearly all classic accounts of religious authority in Islam proceed from the assumption that this authority is male: the possibility that women might exercise various aspects of religious authority is usually not discussed. Yet, when we dissect religious authority into its various manifestations (leading prayer, preaching, providing religious counseling, issuing *fatwas*, transmitting *hadiths*, judging in court, shaping the Islamic scholarly tradition), nuances emerge that call the exclusively male character of religious authority in Islam into question. This talk provides an overview of the study of women as Islamic authorities, and discusses in more detail several examples from modern Iran, where female Islamic authorities are particularly influential in public life compared to other parts of the Muslim world.

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