

History 3320: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Middle East History
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Outline for Lecture on Four Schools of Sunni Jurisprudence
[Wednesday of Week 4: February 1, 2017]

❖ **Where We Are in Course**

- Week 3 → Formation of Muslim Community / Caliphate
- This Week → Growth and Transformation of Caliphate under Umayyad and Abbasid Rule
 - Monday: Umayyad and Abbasid Caliphates
 - Wednesday: Four Schools of Sunni Jurisprudence

❖ **Recall → How Gender Practices Affected by Political, Economic, Social, & Cultural Contexts**

- Ethical vs. Practical Visions of Gender
- Gender Practices among Ruling Elites and Ruling Family
 - Muhammad and the First Four Caliphs
 - Umayyad and Abbasid Periods

❖ **The Abbasid Period as A Key Turning Point**

- Influx of Wealth
- Adoption of Practices of Non-Arabian Elites
- Islamicization and Arabization

❖ **Why Create Islamic Law?**

❖ **How to Create Islamic Law?**

❖ **Some Key Differences in Schools of Sunni Jurisprudence**

- Example 1: Consent of Marriage
- Example 2: Divorce
- Example 3: A Wife's Claim within Polygamous Marriage

Key Terms

Islamic Law	4 Interpretive Schools
Shari'a	Hanafi
Ulema	Hanbali
Qadis	Shaf'i
Fiqh (Jurisprudence)	Maliki
Quran	Consent
Hadith	Of Minor / Of Major
Qiyas (Analogy)	Virgin / Non-Virgin
Consensus (Ijma')	Talaq / Khul' / Firaq