

**IRW Distinguished Lecture Series 2008-09**

# **The Culture of Rights / The Rights of Culture**



**Thursday, October 23**

## **Ayesha Imam**

Board Member of the Network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws;  
Founding Executive Director of BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights;  
Working Group of the African Feminist Forum

### **“Our Rights, Our Cultures: Muslim Women in West Africa and Struggles over Definitions, Entitlements and Power”**

Dr. Imam's lecture considers the struggles of Muslim women in West Africa over rights and entitlements, vis-à-vis the competing claims of 'culture and tradition,' Muslim laws, and colonial and post-colonial discourses of modernity, post-modernity, and 'universal' human rights discourses.

**4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**4:00 p.m. - Reception**

**Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building  
162 Ryders Lane  
Douglass Campus, New Brunswick**

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**ALSO:**  
**“A Conversation  
with  
Ayesha Imam”  
Wed October 22**

Reception: 5:30 p.m.  
Conversation: 6:00 p.m.  
Teleconference/Lecture Hall  
Scholarly Communications Center,  
Room 403, Alexander Library  
College Avenue Campus

An opportunity for  
undergraduates to meet and talk  
to Dr Imam about her work as an  
activist, researcher and advocate  
for Muslim women's rights.

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