

HAREM IN HISTORY & IMAGINATION

a symposium sponsored by the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT

This two-day symposium offers an opportunity to debate the harem as an institution, an actual space, and a literary and artistic trope, and through these themes to critically review the spaces of women in Islamic cultures, both real and imagined and both in the past and present. Papers will deal with specific examples of historical (or contemporary?) harems, with legal and politicized debates about harems, and with representations of the Harem in art, literature, and present-day media in the east and west, with all associated theoretical and political implications.

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MIT room 6-120

Event is free and open to the public

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