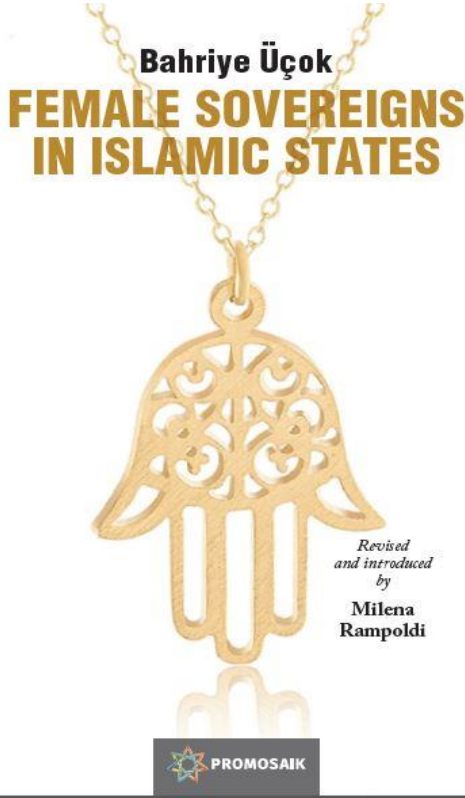


**Female Sovereigns in Islamic States, revised and
Dr. Bahriye Üçok, introduced by Dr. Phil. Milena Rampoldi**



“The androcentric point of view asking for total exclusion of women from Islamic politics, which has succeeded for centuries, starts from two very daring conclusions: According to this tradition, women should not be allowed to govern because their governance means that empires WILL NEVER prosper. But there is an additional conclusion related to this starting point, and it is the exclusion based on Quran, Sunna and the consensus of Muslim scholars, on the basis of the Quranic verse 4:34, which does not relate to politics but to the relationship between genders in marriage, in which only the husband must financially support the family. Therefore, from the housewife many traditional scholars monistically deduct the un-political woman, who is not allowed to participate in politics and society. They even go a step further by affirming that female rule is even haram, i.e. forbidden by Sharia law. However,

they take another step by affirming that women do not have the intellectual and personal skills required by a ruler”. In opposition to all that, let us have a look at history: let us read the stories written by the Turkish author about women ruling in Muslim States from India to Egypt, from Bhopal to Salgur, from Acheen to Kutluk, to quote a couple of examples. Let us understand Islam in PLURAL, let us discover the biographies and political struggles of women in Islamic countries, women who had to fight in a misogynic environment. What ProMosaik considers the great contribution made by Dr. Üçok is her “historical analysis concerning countries and cultural environments, conditions and modalities according to which women ruled States during Muslim history”.

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