

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Dr Anar Ahmadov
Title of clinic:	Oil, Islam, and Women's Rights in Central Asia
Number of students:	1-3
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	

Research context

Traditionally, the lack of women's political, social and economic rights has been explained by Islam's cultural legacies and patriarchal norms. Yet, new evidence suggests that one of alternative culprits is oil wealth of many Muslim-majority countries. Oil wealth predisposes such countries to the development of economic industries and sectors that are more conducive to male labor. This leads to women's poorer representation in the labor force and, subsequently, their poorer political participation and influence. Are these theories valid in the cases of Muslim-majority countries in Central Asia, some of which are oil producers and others are not?

Students' tasks and activities

You will help me in conducting a literature review and preliminary data collection over the course of the semester.

The learning aims are to improve your substantive understanding of oil wealth, Islam, and women's rights, to enhance your knowledge of Central Asia, and to polish your skills in systematic literature review and qualitative/quantitative data collection.

The assessment will be based on the quality of deliverables: a systematic literature review and/or qualitative/quantitative dataset.