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## PREFACE

This book *Women, Religion and Politics* is a modified version of the research for my doctoral thesis performed from 2004 to 2007 under the same title. The research in fact was more than a mere doctoral research. In my career of working with government and nongovernment sector, but also through my academic study of women's human rights, I concluded that it is tremendously important to illustrate what is the role of religious interpretative heritage of monotheistic traditions in relation to civil and political rights of women. Although religion was pushed aside during socialism, today it is very important and present in human lives. Therefore, it is indispensable to question its impact on the dynamics of gender relations, which is still deeply interwoven in and constrained with traditional, cultural and religious norms.

On one hand my wish was to open up a floor for debate and academic discussion about gender policy in religious discourse which has been absolutely neglected and suppressed by other more important issues; and on the other hand, to raise awareness about the importance of introducing the religious perspective in the creation of a more progressive gender policy and implementation of positive legal regulations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I intended to illustrate - through theological anthropology and exegesis of the sacred texts, as well as through empirical findings - the need for reconstruction of patriarchal religious heritage which for centuries was shaped by the masculine elite and excluded women from the process of creation of the theological and legal thought in religious traditions by defining them as secondary, and very often as pertaining to the second class.

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## INTRODUCTION

Sociological, politological and anthropological research and analyses during last years in the countries of former Yugoslavia have shown that traditional and cultural values represent significant obstacle for a complete political participation of women, i.e. that the separation into private (female) and public (male) sphere mirrors the (under)representation of women in government structures.<sup>1</sup> It is also being pointed out that religions are contributing to such separation, due to their clearly established models of male and female roles, and that in this way, indirectly, and sometimes also directly, they deny women the right to be politically engaged.<sup>2</sup> In Bosnia and Herzegovina, in a specific multicultural context, coexist four traditional religious communities (Orthodox, Catholic, Islamic and Jewish), and therefore it is suitable to perform a comparative research within the Abrahamic heritage through the ethical principles of these religious traditions. Since “the religion reflects, but at the same time shapes, the cultures and civilizations in which it lives”<sup>3</sup> its influence is visible in the display of gender relations and definitions of desired roles for women and men. Nevertheless, the data about it is scarce, and there are no empirical verifications that would support such argumentation. This was a reason enough to do a research about the way in which the religions form human attitudes and value systems, and the measure in which they influence the status of women in society and their engagement in public life using the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Although religion was marginalized during communism, the status of women was not significantly different, “since the traditional values presented in a society were only added to the set of new socialist values” (Sklevicky, Lidia 1996). Therefore, at the beginning of 90’s, national and ideological programs, largely intertwined with religious matrixes from Christianity and Islam, supported the reaffirmation of traditional cultural and religious values and suppression of women into the privacy of their homes and family. This policy also mirrored itself in conservative and rigid inter-

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1 See Tomić-Koludrović, Inga and Kunac, Suzana. *Rizici modernizacije: žene u Hrvatskoj devedesetih (Risks of Modernisation: Women in Croatia during nineties)*, NGO „Stope nade“/“Footprints of Hope“, Split, 2000; Spahić-Šiljak, Zilka. *Political Representation of Women in Croatia: Analysis of the Socio-cultural, Socio-economic and Political Obstacles for Full Representation of Women in Politics*, MA at the CIPS Sarajevo (International Master Program Sarajevo-Bologna), 2001/2002, and Helms, Elissa. *Gendered Visions of the Bosnian Future: Women’s Activism and Representation in Post-war Bosnia-Herzegovina*, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Pittsburgh, 2003.

2 See Anić, Rebeka Jadranka. *Više od zadanoga: žena u Crkvi u Hrvatskoj u 20. stoljeću (More Than Given. Women in Church in Croatia in 20th century)*, Franjevački institut za kulturu mira/Franciscan Institute for Peace Culture, Split, 2003.

3 Swidler, Leonard and Mojzes, Paul. *The Study of Religion in the Age of Global Dialogue*, Temple University Press, Philadelphia, 2000, p. 1.

pretations of churches and religious communities, which during the war supported *pro-life* policy, glorified the role of a woman as mother and nurturer – the mother of the Nation; and minimized the significance of women's engagement in the public sphere of the society. The result of this was such that the representation of women in the political sphere was 2% at higher, and up to 5% on lower levels of government (Bakšić-Muftić, Jasna. 2001)

In the post-war period, women's movements in BiH managed to win the fight over introduction of a "female quota" at election lists of political parties in 1997, as well as the adoption of the *Gender Equality Law* in 2003 (*The Official Gazette of BiH*, No. 16/2003). Nevertheless, women are still underrepresented in all segments of public life, especially at decision-making positions. The legal framework for systematization of gender issues has been adopted; still what is lacking is the alteration in cultural codes, which are inseparably linked to religion. Codes and behavioral patterns are conditioned by religious values, which are largely intertwined with culture and customary tradition so that sometimes it is very hard to recognize the religious in them. Since family as a primary socialization factor has one of the most important roles in formation of a personality (Kuburić, Zorica. 1996), and that the values transferred to children include religious and traditional norms, it was important to investigate in which way these values shape the attitudes of a believer, atheist and agnostic. Although atheists and agnostics verbally do not acknowledge God and religious values' system, still, their upbringing incorporates fundamentals that include ethical norms of religious traditions, so that their attitudes are for the most part indirectly conditioned by religious legacy.

The first chapter describes the notion of religion, its function and bases of religious teaching of monotheistic traditions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with fundamental sources of religion offering thus a broader, more comprehensive pursuit of the topic of this book.

The following three chapters of this book offer theological anthropology of the woman in monotheistic traditions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – which influences education, economic status, and participation in religious and political life from the perspective of traditional and feminist interpretations.

The fifth chapter speaks about the issues relating to pursuit of political rights of women in BiH – from the point when they got the right to vote in 1946 to first, multi-party elections in 1990 – including the participation of women in the post-war period from 1990 to 2006.

In the sixth chapter, I will present the frame of the empirical research: objectives, methods, the sample and statistical data processing for the research performed in 20 cities and villages, among the citizens declaring themselves as Muslims, Orthodox, Catholics, Jews or as atheists and agnostics.

In the seventh chapter, I processed the results of the empirical research. In the first part of this chapter I analyze the results relating to attitudes of respondents toward women, their role in the family and society, education of female and male children, economic status of women, participation of women in religious life, their engagement on key positions in religious communities, and participation of women at decision-making positions. In the second part of this chapter I will offer analysis of the attitudes of religious communities which I performed by interviewing religious officials and analyzing the content of religious magazines (*Preporod*, *Pravoslavlje* and *Katolički tjednik*<sup>4</sup>).

In the eighth chapter, in an abridged version, I present conclusions of the entire research.

Through the insight into the religious-interpretative legacy of monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), the status of women in family and society, the results of the research performed among the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina by examining their attitudes toward these issues, as well as the analyses of religious magazines and interviews with religious officials – this book will offer a frame for understanding the interconnectedness between the religion and the status of woman in political life of BiH.

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4 Transl. note: These magazines are “Preporod” (*Rebirth*) Muslim, „Pravoslavlje“ (*Orthodoxy*) Orthodox and „Katolički tjednik“ (*Catholic Weekly*) Catholic periodicals.





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