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**Abstract**: Matters of the Womb: Muslim Women’s Narratives of Fertility, Family, and the Indian State

This research investigates how women in an economically underprivileged Muslim community in New Delhi, India experience their own projects of family-building. This question will be explored in the context of working class Muslim women experiences of state policies like family planning and the discourse surrounding Muslim fertility circulated by religious right-wing organizations. In doing so, the research aims to 1) conceptualize reproduction as a social process located in the interstices of both the personal or intimate and the familial domain, 2) understand the reproductive decision-making among working class migrant Muslim women and, 3) document the perceptions, attitude, and views of state health officials and local healers with regard to Muslim fertility. The ethnographic research involves a year of fieldwork in two slum localities (one, a multi-ethnic and multi-linguistic neighbourhood, and,the other, a predominantly Muslim neighbourhood or ‘mohalla’) of Delhi.