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**A Critique of Muslim Modernist Approach
to the Qur'an**

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In the modern era of Islamic thought fresh interpretations of the Qur'an have been developed by Muslim thinkers and scholars. They mostly followed almost every philosophical and ideological trend which appeared in modernity within the last two hundred years. The issue of 'polygamy' has been one of the repeatedly visited new interpretations of the Muslim Holy Scripture due to the modern concept of 'equality'. Recent works, which assume a historicist approach, on the related verses of the Qur'an have produced the same 'monogamist' outcome as the earlier modernist interpretation samples. The talk will methodologically criticize the particular interpretations adopting a radical historical-critical perspective to attain to what the verses really meant in their original settings.

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