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**"Islam and Public Policy:
Contestations in a Plural
Legal System"**

*A dynamic lecture addressing public
contestations on constitutionalism and
codified law versus divine law*

by

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Zainah has also served as Chief Program Officer, Political Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London; Senior Analyst, the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Kuala Lumpur; and Political and Diplomatic Writer, the New Straits Times, Kuala Lumpur. Her book, *Islamic Revivalism in Malaysia: Dakwah Among the Students*, has become a standard reference for the study of Islam in Malaysia. She was educated at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA, Boston University, and the MARA Institute of Technology, Shah Alam, Malaysia.