

## **Malaysian Muslim women: an empirical study on principal virtues of temperance and need satisfaction**

### **ABSTRACT**

This study was concerned with examining the framework of Al-Ghazali's philosophical virtues of temperance and Alderfer's theory of human needs as evident in the practices of Malaysian Muslim women. The study was conducted by a questionnaire with fifty employees at several job levels from a faculty. The questionnaire items were marked according to the respondent preferences. It is found that there is a significant correlation between Al-Ghazali's philosophical virtues of temperance and Alderfer's theory of need satisfaction (existence, relatedness, and growth). The result of the study post a potential contribution to women's studies. Al-Ghazali's classification of philosophical virtues in Islam and Alderfer's categorization of human needs can be established as alternative theories in understanding the priorities in women's needs.

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