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| **Islam and Health Policies Related to HIV Prevention in Malaysia -Title of Lunch with an author (books)**  |
| **Author(s)** Dr Sima Barmania and Professor Michael. J. Reiss**Book Title**Islam and Health Policies Related to HIV Prevention in Malaysia**Publisher and year of publication**Springer, 2018. **Book description**This text presents a culturally aware public health approach to the HIV epidemic in Malaysia, a country emblematic of the Muslim world's response to the crisis. It explores complex interactions of religion with health as a source of coping as well as stigma and denial, particularly as Islam plays a central role in Malaysian culture, politics, and policy. At the heart of the book, a study analyses attitudes and behaviours toward prevention among diverse people living with HIV, faith leaders, and government health officials. From these findings, readers gain insight into how health professionals, policymakers, and organizations can create appropriate prevention programs in Malaysia, with implications for other Muslim countries.**Relevance for health promotion or sustainable development**This book it highlights the impact that religion, spirituality and personal world views can have on health promotion, health education, policy and policymakers. Furthermore, it emphasises the need to tailor interventions towards local contexts and sensitivities in order for those activities to ultimately be successful in the long term.  |