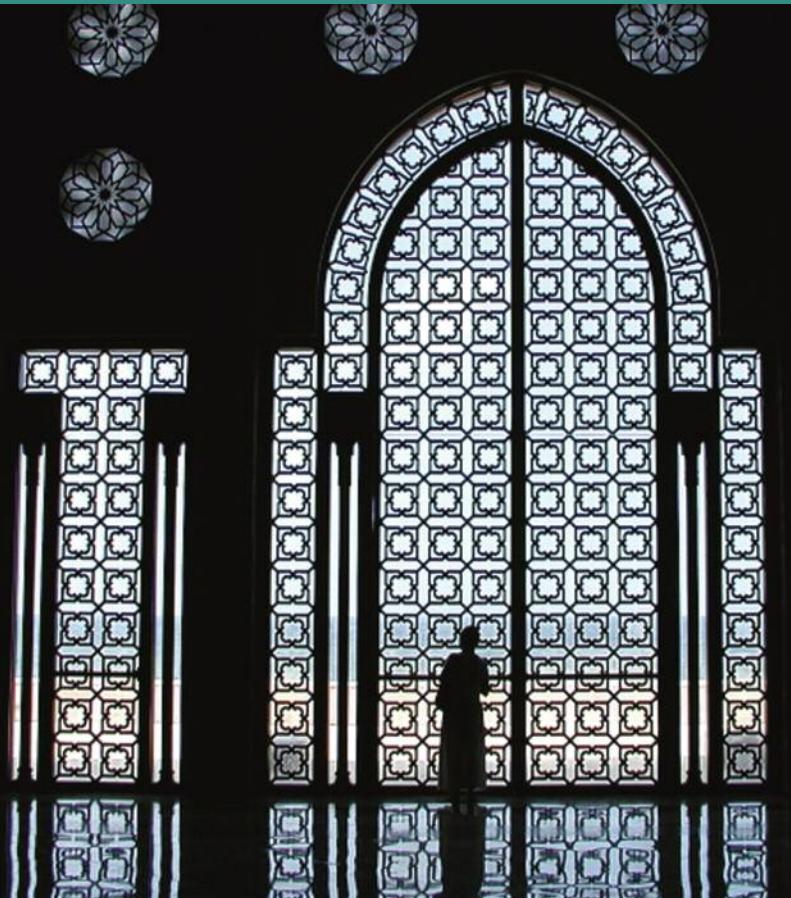


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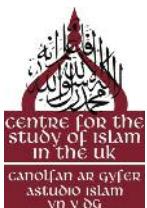
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# The Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK

The Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK was opened in September 2005 by Yusuf Islam, formerly musician Cat Stevens in front of 400 guests. Islam is the second largest religion in Britain and, indeed, the world. There are 46,000 Muslims in Wales, about half of whom live in Cardiff itself (Census 2011).



Cardiff University is now a leading institution for scholarly teaching about Islam and Muslims in contemporary Britain. The Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK (Islam-UK Centre) is based within the School of History, Archaeology and Religion, which has a wealth of teaching expertise and a lively programme of research activity. Within the school's degree programmes there are a range of possibilities for studying Islam and classical Arabic.

The Centre has a strong and positive relationship with the local Muslim community. Local Muslims form part of the Centre's advisory committee, and we are proud of this partnership. We envisage the Centre as an accessible, vibrant, and inclusive hub of learning about Islam in Cardiff, South Wales and the UK for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

## Public Lecture Series 2014

11th February, 7pm

Professor Mona Siddiqui

"Friendship and Hospitality - challenge or route to integration?"

Mona Siddiqui joined the University of Edinburgh's Divinity school in December 2011 as the first Muslim Professor in Islamic and Interreligious Studies and Assistant Principal for Religion and Society. Prior to this she was at Glasgow University for 15 years.



Her research areas are primarily in the field of Islamic jurisprudence and Christian-Muslim relations. Her most recent publications include *Christians, Muslims and Jesus* (Yale University Press, 2013), *The Good Muslim: Reflections on Classical Islamic Law and Theology* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), *How to read the Qur'an* (Granta 2007) as well as numerous articles and think pieces. She is a well-known public intellectual and a regular commentator in print and broadcasting media and is chair of the BBC's Religious Advisory Committee. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Royal Society of Arts, and in 2011 was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her contribution to interfaith services.

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Chair: Prof Chris Williams, Head of School of History, Archaeology and Religion, Cardiff University

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18th February, 7pm

Professor John Eade

"Plural Identities and the Islamisation of Public Space in Britain"

John Eade is Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Roehampton and Visiting Professor at University College London. After initial research with educated Bengali Muslim middle class families in Kolkata during the early 1970s, he completed a doctoral thesis on Bangladeshi community representation in Tower Hamlets in 1986. Since then he has been researching identity politics, the Islamisation of space and global migration in London. He has published two monographs - *The Politics of Community* (1989) and *Placing London* (2000) and edited and co-edited eight volumes including *Living the Global City* (1997), *Transnational Ties* (2008) and *Accession and Migration* (2010).



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Chair: Professor Kevin Morgan, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University

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**25th February, 7pm**

**Ajmal Masroor**

*"Muslim Family Life in Britain: Between Ideals and Reality"*

**Ajmal Masroor -**  
is an Imam, broadcaster and Relationship Counsellor. He is the co-founder of the Barefoot Institute for Muslim relationships. He has worked as the director of Communities in Action which specialises in community development and cohesion work as well as capacity building programmes. He has combined traditional Islamic Studies in Bangladesh with further University study in Britain, including Politics and Arabic language, and Relationship Counselling.



In his spare time he is a broadcast journalist regularly writing for the *Guardian Online* and the *Evening Standard*. He has been a specialist consultant on programmes about Islam and Muslims for the Channel 4, BBC, ITV and CNN. He has been leading Friday prayers in various London Mosques for the last twenty years.

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**4th March, 7pm**

**Mike Kavanagh**

*"Muslims in Prison: Breaking the Myths"*

**Mike Kavanagh**  
has been an Anglican Priest for 25 years. He presently works as Head of Chaplaincy for the National Offender Management Service with oversight of multifaith chaplaincy teams in prisons across England and Wales. Mike also ministers as part of a team looking after a parish in a multicultural area of Sheffield where he is married to the Vicar. He worked as part of the multifaith team at HMP Full Sutton before moving to work at HQ and has been involved in developing the faith informed reintegration programme, Belief in Change.



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**Ahtsham Ali**

**Ahtsham Ali** is currently Muslim Adviser for Her Majesty's Prison Service. During the 1990s he was a Youth Worker/Teacher working with disaffected youths, and a member of Young Muslims UK and Islamic Society of Britain. He contributed to The Cantle Report as part of the Community Cohesion Review Team, analysing the 2001 Northern disturbances.



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*Chair: Revd Canon Dr Andrew Todd, Director of the Cardiff Centre for Chaplaincy Studies, Cardiff University*

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# Public Lecture Series 2014 Continued

11th March, 7pm

Navid Akhtar

*"CASTING ISLAM - UK television and the Muslim narrative."*



**Navid Akhtar FRSA** is the Executive Director of Gazelle Media, a production company that specializes in content about Muslim communities. Navid has worked in mainstream British television for over 22 years and is an award winning journalist and documentary maker.

Recent work includes, *BBC Radio 4, 2012 - The Future is Halal*, and *Channel 4's Ramadan Season*, including *Ramadan Reflections*, and the first ever '*Adhan*' to be broadcast every day on mainstream British TV.

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*Chair: Kerry Moore, Lecturer in the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies*

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18th March, 7pm

Mufti Bilal Syed and Maulana Dr Mansur Ali

*"A day in the life of an Imam in Cardiff: Mufti Bilal in conversation with Mansur Ali"*



**Bilal Syed** born and raised in the UK, initially studied the Islamic sciences in darul uloom Bolton, an institute of Islamic education. The 7 year long syllabus included Arabic language and various other traditional Islamic sciences including Qur'anic exegesis (tafsir), Hadith and Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence). On completion he travelled to Pakistan to further his studies and received authorizations in various sciences and in issuing fatawa (religious verdicts). In the past five years he has been serving the community in Cardiff as an imam.

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*Chair: Sophie Gilliat-Ray*

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25th March, 7pm

Mufti Muhammad ibn Adam

*"The Role of a Mufti in Modern Society"*



**Mufti Muhammad ibn Adam al-Kawthari** is a traditionally-trained Islamic scholar who studied the Arabic language and various other Islamic disciplines including Qur'anic exegesis, Hadith, Islamic law and the science of issuing religious verdicts (Fatwa), in different parts of the world including the UK, Pakistan and Syria. Presently, he is a lecturer on the various traditional Islamic sciences, and Director and researcher at the Institute of Islamic Jurisprudence (Darul Iftaa, [www.daruliftaa.com](http://www.daruliftaa.com)). His authored works include: *Islamic Guide to Sexual Relations*, *Birth Control & Abortion in Islam*, *The Issue of Shares and Simplified Rules of Zakat*. He is a Member of the Al-Qalam Shari'ah Scholars Panel (established to meet the growing demand from Muslim consumers and businesses for authentic, professional, Shari'ah based guidance), Advisory Board Member of the Muslim Healthcare Student Network (MHSN), and Shari'ah Advisor on Islamic Banking.

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# Islam-UK Centre Doctoral Students

## Abdul-Azim Ahmed

**PhD topic:**  
*Understanding the role of mosques in Britain: an ethnographic study.* Funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme



### Project summary:

I have a degree in Religious and Theological Studies (Cardiff University, 2010), and a Masters in 'Islam in Contemporary Britain' (2011). My doctoral research focuses on mosques - one of the most important and central aspects of religious life for Muslims. Unfortunately, despite their importance, there have been few in-depth studies looking at mosques in terms of their role and function, and the important social and religious relationships that take place within and beyond their walls. I am using social scientific methods to better understand how mosques in Britain operate and the important place they occupy in the lives of many British citizens. The research will hopefully foster greater understanding of Islam within the UK and also help Muslims to reflect upon how to improve and strengthen the 1600 or so mosques in Britain. The Jameel Scholarship is invaluable to me. Without it I would not be able to pursue a PhD and my future ambitions, nor would such an important piece of research be taking place. It allows me to focus on the research and develop myself as a competent researcher.

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## Riyaz Timol

**PhD topic:**  
*Islamic Reform Movements in Contemporary Britain.*

Funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme



My time at the Islam-UK Centre has been rich and exciting. Based in Preston, I took a 180 degree career turn to come back to the world of academe. It was my sense of increasing concern at the evolving narrative in relation to Muslims in Britain which propelled me to want to make a difference. My research looks at the development of major South Asian Islamic Reform Movements - usually in the context of colonialism - and their subsequent transmission into the UK. Using qualitative research methods I want to understand why and how British Muslims appropriate these movements for themselves in modern, secular contexts. The emphasis on sociological and anthropological methodology really makes the Centre shine, helping enhance scholarly and public understandings of Islam and Muslim communities in Britain. I hold a first class degree in BA (Hons) English Literary Studies and also work as a consultant to the 1st Ethical Charitable Trust. I am also co-founder of thinkBRITE Services, an organisation set up to provide scholarly and relevant information on Islam and Muslims in contemporary Britain.

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## Mustafa Hameed

**PhD topic:**  
*(Re)-Constructing Multiculturalism, British Muslims and developing notions of citizenship.* Funded by the President's Scholarships (Cardiff University)



### Project summary:

Mustafa's research aims to explore British Muslim identity in the context of multiculturalism. His main area of interest is the discourse of citizenship and its impact on Muslim communities in Britain. He is interested in the way Muslims living in Britain align themselves pragmatically and symbolically as political actors in response to demanding discourses. In this respect, he is more broadly interested in the themes of identity and belonging, tradition and modernity, Islamic theological developments within a British or European context, and social capital.

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# Islam-UK Centre Doctoral Students Continued

## Asma Khan

### PhD topic:

*The Economic Inactivity of Muslim Women.*

Funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme



I have recently completed a Masters degree in Social Change at Manchester University; this was a degree which involved the examination of social change through social statistics. The high rate of economic inactivity amongst British Muslim women is an often-cited social statistic in the UK. I recognised that there was a need to develop a more sensitive and nuanced understanding of the causes and mechanisms of this social phenomenon from the perspectives of Muslim women themselves.

### Project summary:

I was a social sciences researcher at Cardiff University between 2007 and 2011 and I have worked on two UK-Islam Centre projects during this time. Alongside academic research I have conducted applied research in Cardiff; working with organisations such as BAWSO, MEWN Cymru and Kafka UK.

My research project will examine the cultural and normative frameworks and processes through which Muslim women in the UK make decisions about work and employment.

I anticipate that the results and insights gained from this research project will make a timely and relevant contribution to existing literature and policy in the specific area of the economic inactivity of British Muslim women. But also, more generally, the lived experiences of women in British Muslim communities.

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## Cardiff University Jameel Scholarships

### The Islam-UK Centre at Cardiff University is pleased to invite applications for the Cardiff University Jameel Scholarships.

With the help of a very generous gift to the University, the Cardiff University Jameel Scholarships have been established to enable the very best students to come to Cardiff - those who have the intellect and determination to apply their knowledge for the benefit of Muslim communities in the UK, and to promote better understanding of Islam in the wider society.

**The following fully funded scholarships are available from September 2014**

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# Jameel Scholars 2013-14 Masters Students

## Kauthar Khan

Having completed my undergraduate degree in Law and Sociology from Oxford Brookes University (2008) I went on to pursuing a teaching career in a local Islamic girls' school. The study of the MA at Cardiff is something I have been wanting to undertake for several years now. I believe it is a unique programme which has enriched my knowledge of Muslim communities in the UK and the Jameel Scholarship has been instrumental in allowing me to do so. My research interest lies in Islamic education, with a particular interest in religious nurture.



## Aadil Patel

Having completed a BSc in Economics at SOAS University of London, I joined the MA programme at Cardiff University. Previously I had also studied Islamic theology on a part-time basis. The MA in 'Islam in Contemporary Britain' has provided me with a unique opportunity to explore and understand Islam from a contemporary perspective. This will enable me to work with Muslim communities in Britain and combat the many challenges they face.



## Natasha Tiley

My name is Natasha Tiley and I'm originally from Bath in Somerset. I studied at Cardiff University for my undergraduate degree in Religious Studies and did my undergraduate dissertation on Anti-Muslim prejudice. Since starting the MA on Islam in Contemporary Britain I have thoroughly enjoyed expanding on the knowledge I gained through my BA and exploring new topics and areas.



## Sandra Maurer

Prior to becoming a Jameel Scholar I gained a First class degree in Religious Studies at the University of Kent. My research interests, among others, are anthropology of religion and contemporary experiences of Muslim migrants as well as Western-born Muslims. The MA allows me to follow these interests due to its dual nature of in-depth study of Muslim communities in the UK delivered by the Centre and the collaboration with the Social Science department.



## MA in 'Islam in Contemporary Britain'

The study of Islam in Britain is a rapidly growing academic field, and there is a need for more scholars and researchers with an in-depth knowledge of the history and contemporary context of British Islam.

Drawing upon a wide range of disciplines (such as history, social sciences, politics, race and ethnicity), students trace the emergence of a British Muslim population, and the dynamics which shape the community today. We look at how Muslims have engaged with local and national government in relation to matters such as education, representation, recognition, participation in public life and protection from 'Islamophobia'. More broadly, the course examines the contribution of Muslims to public and cultural life. Students consider the impact of debate upon particular sections of the Muslim community, such as youth or women, and are encouraged to relate empirical evidence about Islam in Britain to the work of contemporary social theorists on power, community, identity, and representation.

One third of the teaching is delivered over 2 days a week by specialist tutors from Cardiff School of Social Sciences, in order that students have a firm understanding of the methodological principals of conducting research on/about Islam in Britain, and the 'politics' of research about British Islam. The remaining two-thirds of the course provides an in-depth examination of Islam in Britain, from its earliest history to the present day.

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Professor Gilliat-Ray is Director of the Centre and was awarded the Sankore University award for Excellence in Education at the Muslim News Awards in 2006. She was also presented with an Achievement Award in 2012 by the Muslim Council of Wales during National Interfaith Week.

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## Lecturer in Islamic Studies

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Dr Malik is lecturer in Islamic Studies and an academic member of the Centre's Advisory Board. She teaches undergraduate modules in *Islam in the Contemporary World* and *Gender and Sexuality: Islamic Perspectives*.



Postgraduate students at the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, November 2013, for an event hosted by the Muslim Council of Wales to mark National Interfaith Week. From left to right: Robina Samuddin, Sophie Gilliat-Ray (Director), Sandra Maurer, Ruhena Awal, and Natasha Tiley.

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Mark provides essential administrative and technical support for the Centre.

This includes managing the database and website, and promoting the Centre's work via social media. He is a member of the Centre's Advisory Board, and is working closely with the Director in supporting the developing of the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Muslims in Britain. Mark completed the MA 'Islam in Britain' in 2009, and was employed as a research assistant for the 'Islamic Gardens' project funded by BGCI in 2010.

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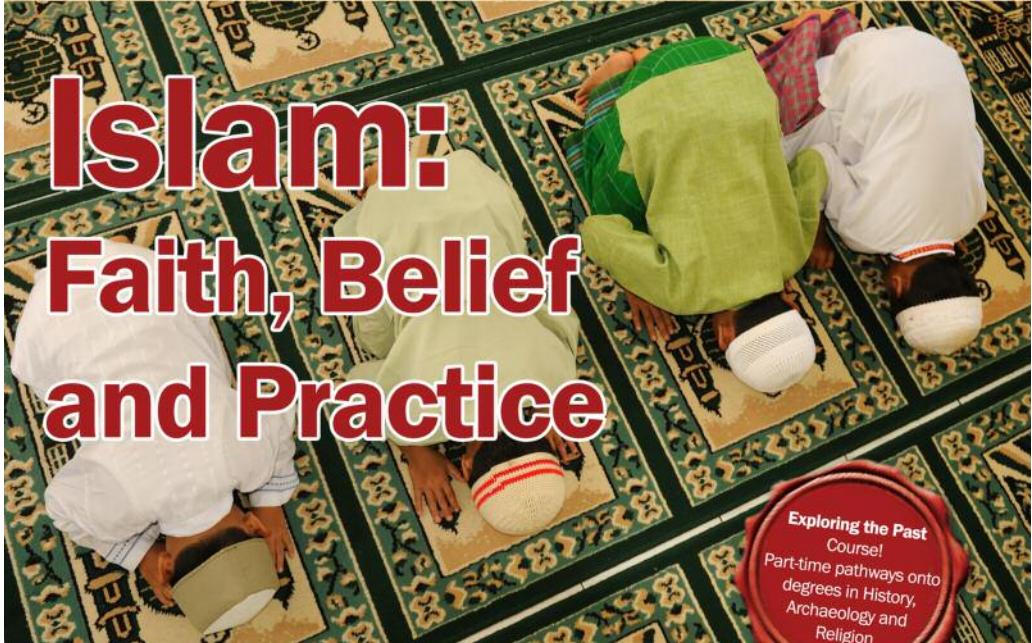
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Dr Mansur Ali studied classical Islamic studies and Arabic at Darul Uloom Bury, UK and Al-Azhar University Cairo, Egypt. He then completed an MA and a PhD in Middle Eastern Studies (Hadith studies) at the University of Manchester where he also lectured as a graduate teaching fellow. During this time he also worked as a Muslim chaplain at Ashworth High Security hospital in Liverpool. Shortly after completing his PhD, he worked on an AHRC/ESRC funded project on Muslim Chaplaincy in Britain alongside Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray at Cardiff University, and Professor Stephen Pattison at Birmingham University. He then worked as post-doctoral fellow at Cambridge Muslim College (CMC). During his time at CMC, he edited a classical hadith text called *Qawa'id fi Ullum al-Hadith* to be published by Turath Publishing in 2013. He is currently the Jameel lecturer in Islamic Studies at Cardiff University, and author of *Understanding Muslim Chaplaincy* (with Sophie Gilliat-Ray and Stephen Pattison, Ashgate, 2013).



Maulana Dr Mansur Ali

# Islam: Faith, Belief and Practice



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## Dr Mansur Ali

In recent years Islam has piqued the interest of politicians, the media and the public, especially following 9/11 and 7/7. Thanks to an over-reliance on media coverage, many people have formulated a very negative understanding of the religion. This course seeks to address that issue by examining Islam and its place in current affairs.

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# Publications by Centre Staff and Postgraduates 2013-14

**Ahmed, Abdul-Azim 2013**

Faith in comedy: Representations of Muslim identity in British comedy, *South Asian Popular Culture*, 11:1, 91-96

**Ali, Mansur, 2013**

Review: Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty, (Mustafa Akyol), New York, London: Norton Publication 2011, for *Muslim World Book Review*, volume 33, issue 3, spring 2013, pp. 44-47

**Ali, Mansur, 2013**

The Mukhtasar al-Quduri translation by Tahir Mahmood Kiani, London: Ta-ha Publishers, 2010, for *Muslim World Book Review*, volume 33, issue 3, Spring 2013, pp. 78-79

**Gilliat-Ray, Sophie, 2013**

Faith as social capital: The early history of migration and settlement of Muslims in Cardiff, 1930 to present (with J. Mellor), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2013.783221>

**Gilliat-Ray, Sophie, 2013**

Religious nurture in British Muslim families: Implications for social work, (with J. Scourfield, R. Warden, A. Khan, and S.Otri), *International Social Work*, vol. 56 (3): 326-342

**Gilliat-Ray, Sophie 2013**

'Islam in the UK', Oxford *Handbook of Islam in Europe*, in J. Cesari, (ed), Oxford University Press

**Timol, Riyaz. 2013**

Review of *Commentary on the Eleventh Contentions* by Abdal Hakim Murad, *Muslim World Book Review*, 34(1): 28-30

**Timol, Riyaz. 2014**

Review of *Shaykh Abu Al-Hasan Ali Nadwi: His Life & Works*, by Muhammad Akram Nadwi in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, (forthcoming 2014)

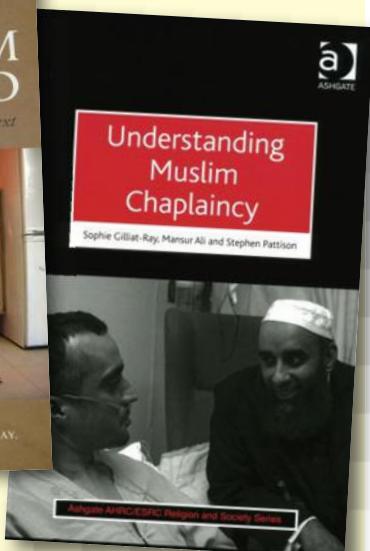
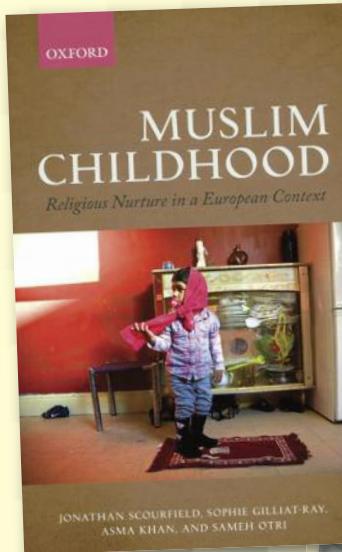
## Other Centre resources

Many of the lectures in our annual Public Lecture Series have been recorded over the years, and are now freely available to view on Vimeo. To search our collection, please go to:  
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Some MA Islam in Britain students in 2013/14

## New Books Published in 2013



# Cardiff University's first MOOC "Muslims in Britain: changes and challenges"

Develop your understanding of Muslims and their faith through an exploration of communities in Britain.

Starts:	10 March
Duration:	4 weeks
Study Time:	4 hours pw

## About the course

Islam is the second largest religion in the world today and dominates much of the current geopolitical discourse. People are increasingly bombarded by dramatic and at times disturbing headlines. Yet general knowledge of Muslims and their faith can be poor. There is consequently a need for a balanced and well-informed understanding of the current debates around this internationally significant topic.

This course uses Britain as a case study to shed light on wider issues relating to the growth of Islamic communities across the culturally Christian and increasingly secularised Western World.

## Topics include:

- Islamic Practice: An outline of Islamic practices and beliefs plus an introduction to the different viewpoints within Islam.
- History of Islam in Britain: An exploration of the longstanding associations between Islam and Britain, including Islamic influences on British society and the well-established connections

between Britain and the countries from which many British Muslims originally hailed.

- Settlement Patterns: The origins and makeup of today's British Muslim communities.
- Cultural Diversity: Confronting the 'myth' of a homogenous Muslim community through an exploration of the various religious and cultural influences that characterise and inform Muslim communities in Britain today.
- Contemporary Debates: An examination of how the above topics feed into the contemporary debates and what the future might hold.
- Given current debates about multiculturalism, integration, and the spectre of fundamentalism, this course will appeal to a wide audience not only in Britain but far beyond.

## Educators

Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray, Maulana Dr Mansur Ali and Mark Bryant.

## Requirements

The course is free-of-charge, and open to anyone with an interest in religion, culture and history, whether you are a beginner, experienced learner or returning to study.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/muslims-in-britain>

## What are MOOCs?

Massive Open Online Courses or MOOCs are short courses (4-8 weeks) presented online, free and open to all through the internet.

### MOOC's through Cardiff University:

- If you have access to the internet you can take a MOOC as there is no entry requirement.
- Your commitment is typically 3-5 hrs of study per week.
- The courses are led by internationally recognised leading academics

- Accessible on all mobile platforms - you can fit your learning around your own schedule. You can benefit from a collaborative learning experience with the support of your fellow learners.
- The MOOC will feature a variety of innovative learning platforms appealing to a range of learning styles.
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# Diary of Public Talks 2014

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