

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Mona Siddiqui, OBE,**  
*Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies*  
*Assistant Principal for Religion and Society, University of Edinburgh*

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**Education**

BA Honours in Arabic and French – University of Leeds (1984)  
Membership of the Institute of Linguists, with distinction in spoken French (1985)  
MA with Distinction in Middle-Eastern Studies, University of Manchester,  
Diploma in TEFL, Manchester Linguarama School, 1989  
Ph.D (University Scholarship) in Classical Islamic Law, University of Manchester,  
(1992)

Professional Details:

Assistant Principal for Religion and Society  
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**Previous Posts**

2007-2011, Professor of Islamic Studies,  
Department of Theology and Religious Studies  
Director of the Centre for the Study of Islam  
University of Glasgow

- 2002 – 2006 Senior Lecturer in Arabic and Islamic Studies
- 1995 - 2001 – Lecturer in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Glasgow University
- 1998 – Founder and Director of Centre for the Study of Islam

- 1993-1995 Glasgow Caledonian University Lecturer in Islamic Law and Theology
- 1990-1991 Manchester Metropolitan University, Lecturer in Islamic Studies
- 1989-1990 Manchester University (Part-time lecturer in Arabic literature)
- 1986 –1987 Dewsbury College (Part-time lecturer in Arabic language)

### **Senior Administrative Roles in Glasgow University**

August 2004 - 2009 Senate Assessor on the University Court.

August 2002-2005 - Head of Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

- August 2001- 2002 - Elected Vice-Dean in the Faculty of Divinity.
- August 1997 - Founder and Director of the Centre for the Study of Islam, University of Glasgow.
- September 2001 - Member of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Inter-faith Studies, University of Glasgow
- September 2002 - Elected Faculty member on the University's Senate Committee.
- September 2002 – 4, Elected member of the Senate Appeals Committee

### **Broadcasting/Media**

My regular contribution to services outside the University has been as a consultant and cultural commentator on issues of religion, ethics and public life. I write regularly for the national and international press, including the Times, The Scotsman, Guardian, The Observer and The Herald. I also work regularly with the BBC, Radios 2, 3 and 4 and BBC World Service and am the only regular contributor to Thought for the Day for both BBC Scotland and BBC Radio 4 since 1997. I also contribute regularly to the Sunday programme for both BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio Scotland. This has been of great significance in profiling Religious Studies and has made me a primary contact on religious and ethical matters for the BBC and other international media. I have also been an advisor as well as contributor to the BBC on several of their educational Religion and Ethics websites.

My work in the media demands regular involvement with developments in broadcasting on a wide range of issues and I am frequently invited to meetings with Governors and Directors of the BBC, where high level discussion groups are held. Below is a small sample of significant television and radio programmes in which I have participated:

‘Sex and Religion’ (March 2002), commissioned for Channel 4, screened June, 2003

‘Ultimate Questions’ Pilgrim Productions, September 2002

Worked as a script consultant with BBC on a factual drama, ‘Dirty War,’ 2004  
 Presenter on 3 part series, ‘Islam – Challenges to a faith,’ BBC Radio Scotland, October 2004

Panellist on ‘Any Questions,’ Radio 4, February 2005

Panellist on Channel Four, ‘Shari’a TV’ March 11<sup>th</sup> 2005

Panellist on Channel Four, ‘Shari’a TV’ July 2005

Panellist on BBC Scotland’s ‘The Last Word,’ July 2005

Panellist on Channel Four, ‘Shari’a TV’ July 30<sup>th</sup> 2006

Panellist on 'Any Questions?' BBC Radio 4, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2007  
 Panellist on 'Shari`a TV' May 20<sup>th</sup> 2007, filmed in Jerusalem.  
 News reviewer for Politics Show, BBC 1 Scotland, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2007  
 Panellist on BBC, 'The Big Questions,' January 27<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
 Panel Discussion on God and Belief for the Open University Philosophy  
 Course for Just Radio, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009.  
 Panellist on BBC Radio 4, 'Start the Week,' with Rowan Williams,  
 Philip Pullman, David Baddiel, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
 BBC 1, The Review Show, April 2010  
 BBC Radio 3, The Essay, 'Reflections on Mary in Islam,' December  
 16<sup>th</sup> 2010  
 BBC Radio 3, The Essay, 'Jane Austen's The Book that Changed Me,'  
 March 2011  
 BBC Radio 4, Panellist on In Our Time, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.  
 BBC Radio 4, The World Tonight, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
 BBC Radio 4, Castaway on Desert Island Discs, 21 October 2012  
 BBC Radio 3 Freethinking Festival with Tom Holland, 'Christianity and  
 Islam,' 4 November 2012  
 BBC Radio 4, The State of Welfare, 21 November 2012  
 BBC Radio Scotland, Sunday with Ricky Ross Show, 16 December  
 2012  
 BBC Radio 4, Woman's Hour, 'Meaning of Home,' December 21<sup>st</sup>  
 2012,  
 BBC Radio 4, 'Beyond Belief,' Tourism and Holy Sites 21<sup>st</sup> January  
 2013.  
 BBC Radio Scotland, A discussion of my book, *Christians, Muslims  
 and Jesus*, Sunday programme with Sally Magnusson  
 BBC Radio 4, In our Time, 'Prophecy' June 13<sup>th</sup> 2013  
 BBC 4 Thought for Edinburgh International Festival, 'Friendship'  
 August 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.  
 BBC Scotland, Brian Taylor's Politics show, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.  
 Several appearances on tv for BBC Scotland 2014/2015  
 BBC Radio 3 Essay Slot 'The Lords Prayer,' March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015  
 BBC Radio 3, Special Guest for *Private Passions*, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015  
 Special panel on Ramadan 2015, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2015  
 BBC Radio Scotland, Special one to one interview on 'Look back at  
 2015,' January 2 2016.  
 BBC Radio 4, 'Beyond Belief,' Laicite in France, January 5, 2016.  
 BBC Radio 3 Essay slot, 'Seeking immortality and eternity,' Easter 2016.  
 BBC Radio 3 Essay, 'The Christmas Story,' December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016.  
 BBC Radio 4, February 2017 onwards, a panellist on Moral Maze.  
 BBC Radio 4 'Beyond Belief,' Prayer, October 4 2020.  
 BBC Radio 4, 'Beyond Belief' Prince Philip, April 12 2021.

### **Legal Consultancy**

My expert witness reports have focused on Islamic law as both theory and lived realities. Most of the cases for which I have worked, have required an analysis of

some kind of contract, whether it be marriage, commercial dispute or inheritance. Some have focused on anti-terrorism issues. The cases have been at both national and international level and I have given evidence in court twice. Below is a list of some of the more prominent cases:

2004 - Christian Khan Solicitors - Tahira Tabasssum and others  
2004 - Oral report for Avon and Somerset Constabulary for case of Scyra Nazir  
2005 - Freers Solicitors - Amir Shahzad  
2005 - Abdel Basit al -Megrahi for Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission  
2006 - Operation Bivalve El Hor and Nassari  
2006 - Khiyam and others.  
2007 - A. A Mirsons, Al Figari and Whabi Muhammed,  
2007 - Operation Theseus  
2008 - Wilson and Co. Solicitors  
2008 - Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, May 2008  
2008 - Alexander Solicitors and Advocates  
2010 – Irvine Thanvi Natas Solicitors  
2011 – Fleming and Reid Solicitors  
2012 – Abbey Solicitors  
2013 – Berrymans Lace Mawyer  
2018 – Lindsay Solicitors  
2020 – Murphy, Robb and Sutherland, Glasgow (ongoing)  
2022 - Alam Brothers, Kuit Steinart Levy, Manchester  
2022 – Ashton Ross Law, London

My reports are always scholarly, contextualised, referenced and with all the analysis of possible ambiguities and nuances of foreign terminology pertaining to Islamic law and cultures. I refrain from dogmatic assumptions as much of Islamic law retains a level of flexibility in interpretation even when administered by the state. My articles and research on Islamic law have been fundamental in establishing my reputation as an Islamic jurisprudence and contemporary Muslim law expert

### **Areas of Research**

Classical Islamic law, contemporary Islamic law, ethics and culture, Islamic theology and thought, contemporary legal issues of minority Muslim status, Christian-Muslim relations. Fluent in French/Urdu with good knowledge of Urdu and Arabic literature.

I have successfully supervised 19 PhD students over the last 25 years and 15 Masters students and am currently supervising 5 PhD students in areas of Islamic law and Theology. I have also supervised 5 international post-doctoral students. I am also a regular reviewer of book proposals for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Routledge. I work with the Nuffield Foundation regularly as a reviewer for grant applications.

### **External Examining Posts**

1997-2002 - External Examiner for the Diploma and Certificate in Islamic Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University

2002-2005 - External Examiner for Degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies, St. Andrews University  
2003 -2007 - External Examiner for the LLM in Islamic Law, SOAS, University of London.  
2005-2009 - External Examiner for the MA in Divinity and Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen.  
2007-2009 – Heythrop College, University of London.

### **Regular External Examiner for Phds**

‘Early Hanafi Usul al-fiqh,’ University of Manchester, September 1999;  
‘The register of the Law Court of Istanbul 1612-1613,’ University of Manchester, September 2001,  
  
‘Images of Islam in Samuel Zwemer's *Muslim World Quarterly* 1911-1947’  
University of Lancaster, October 1 2001.  
  
‘The Doctrinal Development of the prohibition of intoxicating drink in Islamic Law and Revelation,’ University of St. Andrews, March 2003  
  
‘The woman’s rights in the light of the sunna: a case study of the wife’s rights.’  
University of Birmingham, October 2003  
  
‘ A Critique of MacIntyre’s relativism by Ayatollah Mutahhari,’ University of Lancaster, February 2004  
  
‘The Rise of Polygamous Marriages in Saudi Arabia,’ University of Exeter, October 2005  
  
‘Between the Milk and the Froth - Images of the Devil in Islamic Traditions,’  
SOAS, September 2006  
  
‘Tying and Untying the knot: Kadhi’s courts and the negotiation of social status in Zanzibar.’ SOAS, November 2006  
  
‘Meccan and Medinan revelations: a comparative study’, Leeds University 2008.  
  
‘Textual, Syntactic and Semantic Analysis of Qur’anic Parables,’ Leeds University, September 2011  
  
‘I’jaz al-Qur’an in the Writings of Sheikh ‘Udwi,’ Edinburgh University, September 2011  
,  
Islamic Jurisprudence on the Regulation of Armed Conflict,’ SOAS, October 2011  
  
‘Conversion to Islam in Contemporary Britain,’ SOAS, January 2012  
  
‘Strategies for the justification of *hudud* and their punishments in Islamic Law,’  
Edinburgh University, 2012 (internal examiner)

'Muslim Womens Piety Discourse in Scotland.' Aberdeen University, August 2012

'Love of Neighbour/Common Word in Christianity and Islam,' London School of Theology, November 2012.

'From Abraham to Abrahamic Religions' – DPhil Oxford, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015

'The Egyptians in the Qur'an, Islamic Exegesis and extra canonical Texts,' Phd, Exeter, April 2015.

'People of the Book -An Analytical Study of Jews and Christians in the Qur'an With Particular Reference to Modern Exegetical Discourse,' University of Exeter, November 2018.

'Prophecy in Biblical and Qur'anic commentary' University of Exeter, February 2019.

'Lexical Cohesion in the Qur'an' University of Aberdeen, October 2019.

'Towards Relational Scripture Studies. A Case Study of Italian and Scandinavian Translations of the mā adrāka mā Passages in the Qur'an.' Oslo, November 25 2022

**Invited Conference Papers/ discussion groups (fully funded by hosts).**

- 'Women behind the Veil,'- Photo Exhibition on Afghan Women, sponsored by Medecins du Monde, International Womens Day, Institut Francais d'Ecosse, Edinburgh, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2000.
- Special guest at round table conference on 'Interfaith Dialogue' hosted by His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Hasan b. Talal of Jordan in London, June 2000.
- Panelist on 'September 11<sup>th</sup>' Debate at the Institute of Contemporary Scotland, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
- Principal convenor of workshop at the International Global Ethic Conference, Glasgow University, October 29-31, 2001
- Paper on Inter-Religious Dialogue at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian-Muslim, 'Building Bridges' conference, Lambeth Palace, hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury with reception at 10 Downing St, January 2002
- Paper on 'The Experience of Religious Minorities in Britain and Iran' – conference sponsored by the British Foreign Office as part of British-Iranian Cultural week, Tehran, March 9-10<sup>th</sup> 2002.
- 'The Language of Globalisation – An Obstacle to the Development of Religious Thought in Islam,' European Association for the Study of Religions 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress, Bergen, Norway, 8-10<sup>th</sup> May 2003.
- 'Changing Europe in a Changing World,' Rapporteur at the Belgo -British Conference, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 16-18<sup>th</sup> October, 2003
- Invited Participant at 'Contesting Religion and Religion Contested – An Islamic Perspective', Emory University, USA, 19-21 November, 2003

- Invitation to speak at Guantanamo Bay Conference, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, 26th -27th March 2004
- Participant at Third Christian - Muslim 'Building Bridges' conference, hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury, Georgetown University, Washington, April 2004
- Participant at the Catholic-Muslim conference on 'Religious Liberty: A Theme for Muslim-Christian Dialogue,' Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican, hosted by the Emir of Qatar, Doha, May 27<sup>th</sup>-May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004
- Participant and Chair at the Ford Foundation Philanthropy Project meeting in Bali, May 2003, Cairo, June 2004 and Istanbul, September 2004
- Invitation to speak at the Special Topic Forum at American Academy of Religion, 2004: 'When Reconciliation Fails: Global Politics and the Study of Religion,' San Antonio, November 2004.
- Invited participant, 'Religion and the State,' Franco-British Council, London, 9/10<sup>th</sup> February 2005
- Invited participant at the International Elijah Dialogue Initiative, Jerusalem, April 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 2005
- Participant at 4<sup>th</sup> Christian-Muslim 'Building Bridges' conference,' hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarajevo, May 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005.
- Invitation to attend Ford Foundation Conference on International Philanthropy, New York, May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invitation to attend meeting of Muslim Education Charter in Rotterdam, organised through the Dutch Municipality, May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2005. This invitation extends to a full conference participation in Rotterdam, November 2005
- Rapporteur at the World Council of Churches, 'Critical Moment in Inter-Religious Dialogue' conference, Geneva, June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invitation to chair the Trade Justice Conference, Edinburgh June 26<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invited Participation at the International Elijah Dialogue Initiative, Arkansas, Texas, June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005.
- Invitation to speak for the Select Committee on the BBC Charter Review at the House of Lords, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invitation to speak at the Gifford Lecture Symposium for the Edinburgh International Festival, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invitation to attend the American Academy of Religion Conference, Philadelphia, November 2005.
- Invitation to speak at the International Elijah Dialogue Public Conference, Taiwan , November 2005
- Invitation to speak at International Congress on Intercultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue,' Bilbao, 11-14<sup>th</sup> December 2005

**Keynote Lectures and Addresses (fully funded by the hosts):**

- 'The Muslim Presence in Europe –Past and Present Issues' Europe of Neighbours Conference at the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, Edinburgh University, November 1998.
- 'Negotiating the Marriage Contract – a Cultural Perspective' at 'The Islamic Marriage Contract Conference at Harvard Law School, January 29-31, 1999

- 'The Islamic Perspective on International Debt' at Scottish Jubilee 2000 Debt Hearings St.Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999
- Keynote speech, 'Media, Islam and Culture' at Third international Conference on Media, Religion and Culture, Edinburgh University, July 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, 1999.
- 'Dawn of a New Millenium – A Muslim woman's response' at Muslim Womens Millenium Conference, Commonwealth Institute, London, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2000.
- 'What's Islamic about Islamic Studies?' at Breaking the Boundaries Conference, Stirling University, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2003
- 'The Ethics of Gender Discourse in Islam,' 2<sup>nd</sup> Christian-Muslim conference hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury and Emir of Qatar, Qatar 7-9 April 2003
- 'To What Ultimate End? Inter-Religious Dialogue and the Future,' Birmingham University, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2003
- 'Imagining a New Paradigm for Gender Discussions,' International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, October 2003
- 'Finding the Face of God in the World,' Triennial Conference for the Clergy of the Diocese of Guildford, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003
- Keynote speaker at 'Religion and the Media' conference, Atlanta, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2003
- Public lecture: 'The Qur'an – a focus for modern debates', invitation to speak at the National Museums of Scotland's Public Lecture series, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2004.
- Keynote speaker at Islamic Social Justice at Joint Meeting of CIDSE ACP and CARITAS Europa, Brussels 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004.
- Keynote speech at Annual Milad Lecture, Ismaili Institute, London, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004
- Keynote speech, 'Reconstructing the British' at St. Georges's House, Windsor Castle, 17-18<sup>th</sup> May 2004.
- 'Sectarian violence and inter-religious dialogue, Iraq Interfaith Conference, organized through the Foreign Office, chaired by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Windsor Castle, 21-23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2004.
- 'Whose Debate? Whose Agenda?' Speaker at Parliamentary Meeting, House of Commons, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2004
- Keynote speech, 'New Ethical Paradigms in Muslim Thought.' Muslim Institute, London, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2004
- Public address, 'Muslims in Europe: Civil Society Initiatives amongst Muslims in the Netherlands,' The Hague, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2004
- Keynote speech, 'An Inquiry into Ethical Discourse in Islam.' 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International society for Religion, Literature and Culture, Uppsala, October 22<sup>nd</sup> –24<sup>th</sup>, 2004
- Invitation to deliver the annual Lord Peter Taylor Lecture, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2004
- 'Making sense of Military Chaplaincy in an Interfaith Environment,' Edinburgh, York, 22-23 February 2005
- 'Islam and Judaism,' Annual Karten Lecture at Parkes Institute, University of Southampton, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Keynote speech, University of Uppsala, 'Islam and Contemporary Ethics,' 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005



- 'Muslim Ethics and Human Rights,' The Global Village Lecture, Children of Abraham Foundation, Stockholm, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2005
- Keynote speech, conference on 'Islam, Pluralism and Political Authority,' Faith and its Public Role, The Von Hugel Institute, Cambridge, 6-8<sup>th</sup> April, 2005
- Keynote speech, 'Contemporary Muslim Theology,' Progressive Christianity Network, London, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Invitation to address Royal United Service Institute for Defence and Security Studies, London, 13-14<sup>th</sup> June 2005
- Keynote address at Muslim Educational Centre of Oxford, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005
- Keynote speech, 'The Europe of Dialogue,' VI Congress of Gniezno Conference, Poland, 16-18<sup>th</sup> September 2005
- Keynote speaker, conference for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Nostra Aetate,' Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 25-28<sup>th</sup> September 2005
- Keynote lecture on 'Islam and Citizenship,' Forum Institute for Multicultural Development, Utrecht, 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2005
- Keynote speaker for 'Faiths in Development,' One World Week, University of Northampton, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005
- Guest Speaker for Chester Asian Council Lunch in 'Diversity Week', Chester Town Hall, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Guest speaker at the Ramsay Garden Seminar Series, Scottish Council Foundation, Edinburgh, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Keynote speaker at 'Islamic Thought in Tradition and European Enlightenment,' University of Bonn, January 21-22, 2006
- Annual Al- Ghazali Lecture, 'Muslim Ethics and the issue of Pluralism,' Elmhurst College, Chicago, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Invited participation on Conference for Inter-Religious Textual Studies, International Shalom-Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, 25 February-2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Speaker at 'Phenomenal Women,' organized through Department for Constitutional Affairs, London, 6-10<sup>th</sup> March 2006; awarded prize for contribution to British society.
- Guest speaker, 'Gender and Religion Symposium,' Cambridge University Centre for Gender Studies, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
- Participant at 5<sup>th</sup> Christian-Muslim 'Building Bridges' conference, hosted by Archbishop Rowan Williams, 'Religion and Human Rights,' Georgetown University, Washington, March 26-30<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Guest Speaker at Women of Scotland Luncheon, Duntreath Castle, Glasgow, April 21st 2006
- Plenary speaker at Churches Media Council, Derbyshire, 'Religion in Conflict,' June 13<sup>th</sup> 2006
- Plenary Speaker at 75<sup>th</sup> Anglo-American Conference of Institute of Historical Research, London, 'Religion and Politics', July 7<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- 'Religious Pluralism and identity: What can education achieve for societal cohesion?' Religions at School, 11<sup>th</sup> conference of the Trialogue of Cultures, Berlin, 13-14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (sponsored by Herbert –Quandt-Stiftung).
- 'Christian-Muslim Conversations,' JAAR sponsored panel, American Academy of Religion, Washington, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- 'Islam and Citizenship,' Stevenson Lectures, Glasgow University, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2006

- 'Islam in Europe: Europe in Islam or Eurabia?' European Forum, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 10-11<sup>th</sup> December, 2006. (Unable to attend)
- Religion and Democracy in Europe,' roundtable discussion with journalists and academics, London School of Economics, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Muslims as Citizens: A Transatlantic Dialogue, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin, February 8-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Shalom-Hartman Institute, Jerusalem 18-22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2007
- Keynote Lecture, Twenty-Eighth Paul Wattson Lecture and Seminar series, University of San Francisco, CA, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2007 (Profile of lecture published in Catholic San Francisco, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2007).  
Invited Presentation at Hartford Seminary and Yale Divinity School on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2007.
- 'Between Renewal and Tradition: Shari`a as a discourse,' Copenhagen 20-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007. (A Profile of my life and work published in the Copenhagen Paper, *Kristeligt Dagblad*, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.
- Panel judge for the Sandford St Martin Trust Television Awards 2007, London 27-28<sup>th</sup> March 2007
- 6<sup>th</sup> Christian-Muslim Building Bridges conference convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, Malaysia, May 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Invitation from the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations to speak at 'Civilisations and the Challenge for Peace: Obstacles and Opportunities,' May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Invitation to speak at International Conference,' 'Towards a contemporary Theology of World religions, Al- Akhawayn International University, Ifrane, Morocco, 27-31<sup>st</sup> May 2007.
- Invitation to speak at 'Islam and the Muslim World,' a conference co-sponsored by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Cambridge University. (Tony Blair and David Cameron speakers). Lancaster House, London, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007
- 'Personal Profile,' Leighton House Museum, London, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007
- 'Language of Human Rights and Freedom of Religion,' meeting of the "Prague Process," Berlin 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- 'Thinking Together,' World Council of Churches, Geneva, June 16-20<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Participant at 'Religion and Public Life,' consultation, St Georges' House, Windsor Castle, 29<sup>th</sup> June- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007.
- 'Form and Logic in Islamic Law,' at 'Ways of Reading' conference organised by the British Library and Lokahi Foundation, London, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007
- 'Islamic Perspective on Christianity: Historical and Theological Perspectives,' Christian-Muslim Forum, Stuttgart, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2007
- 'Does Theology matter for peaceful coexistence? Greenbelt Festival, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Religion and Democracy in a Globalizing Europe,' Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 1-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007
- 'Firm in our faith and living together;' Ecumenical Study Day, Hertfordshire, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- 'Perceptions of Islam in the West,' Office of Fair Trading, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- 'Human Destiny in Islam,' 6<sup>th</sup> Building Bridges Seminar, convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, December 1-6<sup>th</sup>, Singapore, 2007.

- 'What Is Human Dignity?' Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh January 19<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- 'Scriptural Texts and the Family,' Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, 20-24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- 'Whats the Point of Inter-religious Dialogue?' Cairns Church, Milngavie. 31st January 2008.
- Public lecture at London School of Economics on 'Is Islamic Law Ethical?' 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008.
- 'Muslim Women: Veils, Values and Voices,' Monmouth Womens Festival, Monmouth, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008.
- Public lecture on 'Religion, Gender and the Public Debate,' University of Groningen, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- Keynote address on Religion and Diversity for Central Scotland Police, Falkirk, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- 'The Muslim World and the West,' 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Centre for Contemporary Middle-Eastern Studies, University of Victoria, Canada, March 28-30<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- 'Law and Religion,' Panel Debate for 2008 Temple Festival celebrating 400 years, London, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Building Bridges Conference, with Archbishop Rowan Williams, 'Communicating the Word: Revelation, Translation and Interpretation in Christianity and Islam,' May 5-9<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- Public Lecture, 'Does Faith Matter for Human morality?' Forum for European Philosophy, London School of Economics, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2008
- 'Judaism and Islam: Dialectics of a Veiled Courtship,' Joseph Interfaith, June 3rd Brunei Gallery, London.
- 'Seeing the Face of the Lord – Hope or Heresy?' The Pope and Jesus of Nazareth,' University of Nottingham, 18-19<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- Towards a Global family: A Buddhist -Muslim Dialogue Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UDHR, United Nations, New York ,3-4 September 2008
- 'Muslims and Religious Pluralism,' Berlin Forum for Progressive Muslims, October 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- Invitation to speak at the World Economic Forum's 'Global Agenda Council on the Islam-West Dialogue,' Inaugural Summit on the Global Agenda to be held in Dubai, 7 to 9 November 2008.
- CAFOD's Pope Paul VI Memorial Lecture, 'On the day the earth shall tell her stories,' London, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
Invited to attend Shalom-Hartman Conference, Jerusalem, 22-26<sup>th</sup> February 2009
- 'Islam and the day of Judgement,' 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- 'Islam in the West: Today and looking to the Future,' Glenalmond College, Perth, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- The Ann Spencer Lecture, 'Christian- Muslim Relations - Hope or challenge?' Bristol University Chaplaincy, 23rd February 2009.
- The Gonzaga lecture, St Aloysius College, Glasgow, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009.
- 'Islamic Law in Britain: A minor problem or a problem for Minorities?' Centre for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

- 'Love and Justice in Islam and Christianity.' Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue, University of Geneva, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. (postponed)
- 'What are the media doing to God?' Churches Media Conference, Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- Invited Participation in Global Agenda Council of World Economic Forum, Dubai, November 20-22<sup>nd</sup> 2009.
- 'Framing Muslim discourse,' University of East London, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Keynote Speech, 'Facing up to the Challenge of Extremism,' Hinsley Hall, Leeds, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Keynote speech - ESSSAT Annual conference on Science and Religion - 'Man is naturally theomorphic – Islamic theological perspectives,' Edinburgh 7-10<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pope John Paul 11 Lecture, Angelicum, Rome, 'Islamic Perspectives on Judaism and Christianity,' sponsored by the Russell Berrie Foundation, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- 'Islam and Citizenship – a theological debate.' University of Bradford Celebrity Lectures, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010.
- Annual Christian-Muslim Building Bridges Conference convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, 'Tradition and Modernity' 25-27<sup>th</sup> May, Georgetown University, 2010.
- Keynote Speech on Reading Scripture in Abrahamic Faiths, International Council of Christians and Jews, Istanbul, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010
- 'Speaking of God Today,' Hayes Conference Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.
- Open conversation at Wigtown Literary Festival, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010
- Conference on 'Religions, Convictions and Education,' Bruges, Belgium, 7-9<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.
- ICCJ Trilateral Consultation, Berlin 2010.
- 'What's the Point of an Islamic Christology?' Keble College, Oxford, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.
- Participant in Berkeley Centre for Religious Freedom, Georgetown University, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.
- 'Evil in Islam,' Oriental Institute, Oxford University, March 2011.
- 'Stereotyping the Other,' Conference, Lund University, 11-14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011
- Building Bridges Christian-Muslim seminar, 'Prayer,' Qatar, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- Keynote at Gender and Islam Conference, Inspire, London, 4-5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.
- 'Chaplaincy in Schools,' Liverpool Hope University, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.
- Guest Speaker at Diversity seminar, Goldman Sachs, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2011
- 'God, gods and idols,' 14<sup>th</sup> European Congress for Theology, University of Zurich, September 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- 'Islam and the Concept of a Loving God,' Ripon Cathedral, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- Invitation to respond to Ecclesiology panel and 9/11 panel at AAR, November 2011
- Participant in Franco-British Colloque, Hampshire, 19-20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 with reception at 10 Downing Street.

- Keynote speech at the reopening of the Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.
- 'Death, Resurrection and Human Destiny: Christian and Muslim Perspectives' 10<sup>th</sup> Building Bridges, Canterbury, 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
- Panel Discussion at the 4<sup>th</sup> Israeli Presidential Conference, Jerusalem, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.
- 'Islamic Law: Contract and Consummation in gender relations' International Conference on Women, Authority and Leadership in Christianity and Islam, Roehampton University, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Cheltenham Literary Festival, talk on the Qur'an, October 2012.
- Interrogate Festival, Dartington, concept of 'Happiness,' 12-14<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Edinburgh University, Changing World Series, 'Religion, Secularism and the Public Square,' 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012
- BBC Radio 3, Freethinking Festival, Live studio discussion 'Christian-Muslim Relations,' Newcastle, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Keynote lecture as patron of the Christian Muslim charity, *The Feast*, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- 'Faith in Public Life' the Hook Lecture, organised by University of Leeds and Leeds Minster, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- Conversation with Brian McLaren on interreligious dialogue, The Sage, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2012.
- Catholic Secondary school conference, London, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- Index on Censorship – taking the Offensive, Southbank Centre, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013
- 'Islam and the Question of Loving God,' Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013.
- 'Religious Freedom: a Contested Right' in Thinking Allowed series, Glasgow, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Sunday Evensong, Merton College Chapel, Oxford, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- 'Christian-Muslim Relations,' Exeter University, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013
- 'Time for Reflection,' Scottish Parliament, 5 March 2013
- Glasgow Ayewrite Festival, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013
- Panel Discussion on 'Religion in the workplace,' Goldman Sachs, June 2013.
- Shaykha Fest conference, 'A personal journey' Al-Rawiyah Foundation, New Jersey, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2013
- Edinburgh International Festival, 'Academics and their Publics,' August 29<sup>th</sup> 2013
- 'Faith and the Public Square,' University of Victoria, British Columbia, September 2013
- Oslo Coalition workshop on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Istanbul, 6-8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.
- Cheltenham Literary Festival, 'Islam,' October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013
- Wells Festival of Literature, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Gordon Cook Conversations, Dounside House, Aberdeen, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Plymouth International Book Festival, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- American Academy of Religion, International panel discussion of *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, Baltimore, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- 'Christianity and Religious Freedom,' Rome, December 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  - Keynote speech 'Public Space and the creation of imaginary and social bonds,' at Creating Public Space Conference organised by the Lutheran World Foundation and Islamic Studies Dept , University of Muenster, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.
  - Keynote on Christian-Muslim Relations at Annual Ecclesiastical History Conference, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - Birmingham University Chaplaincy Lecture, 'Does Friendship Matter in Faith?' January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - Warwick University Chaplaincy Lecture/Vice-Chancellors Distinguished lecture series, 'Faith in Public Life: Hope or Hindrance?' February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.
  - Opening lecture at Cardiff University on Islam series, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.
  - Roehampton University Chaplaincy Lecture, 'Discipline, Diversity and Divine Will,' 26<sup>th</sup> February 26<sup>th</sup> 2013.
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- June 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> 2014, keynote on the theme of 'suffering' in Islam, Engelsburg Seminar, Avesta Manor, Sweden.
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> , Cheltenham Literary Festival – Promoting myr new book in the 'Understanding Islam' session.
  - Invited to speak on political justice and Islam at the Blavatnik school of Government, Oxford University, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014
  - November 9-11<sup>th</sup>, Participating at the World Economic Forum,Network of Global Agenda Councils on Faith and Civil Society, Dubai.
  - Invited to speak about my new book at Waterstones, Trafalgar Square, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, Speaking at Harris Westminster School, London
  - February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Annual Sacre lecture, Cornwall,
  - February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Annual Chaplaincy Lecture, University of Reading
  - February 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Visiting Professor, Lodz University, Poland
  - February 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Keswick Hall Lecture, University of East Anglia.
  - February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, speaking at LSE Chaplaincy.
  - March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Invited to speak about my new book at Words by the Water Literary Festival, Kendall.
  - March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, speaking on the How To Read series, Conde Nast College, London.
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Invited to discuss my latest book, My Way, with Martin Percy, Oxford Literary Festival .
  - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Invited to speak about religion and society at Ombersley Literary Festival.
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, Aye Write Festival, Glasgow
  - April 25<sup>th</sup>, Hexham Book Festival,
  - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015, The McCosh Lecture, Queen's University, Belfast.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, Keynote on Inspirational living, ODN Conference, London.
  - 16-17<sup>th</sup> May, speaking about my new book *My Way*, Bradford Literary Festival.
  - 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015, Charlie Hebdo debate, Southampton Solent University.
  - 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, Newcastle University's Convocation Lecture.
  - January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, British Academy panel discussion, 'Who cares if Britain is not a Christian country?'

- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Public conversation on Religion and Society, Goldman Sachs, London
- May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016, keynote at Clare College, Cambridge University, 'Reconsidering Religious Radicalisation.'
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Annual Leo Baeck College lecture and conversation.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, 'Human Struggle,' Public lecture series, University of Newcastle.
- November 14, 2016, Vincent Strudwick Lecture, Kellogg College, Oxford University
- With the publication of *Hospitality and Islam* (Yale UP, 2015), several book festivals and one fully funded (1<sup>st</sup> class !) lecture tour in Australia. This included 4 major radio interviews while I was there.

### **Honorary Doctorates**

- September 2002, Awarded DLitt. (Hon), Wolverhampton University.
- October 2009, Awarded DLitt (Hon), Newman College, Leicester University.
- November 2009, Awarded DCL (Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws), Huddersfield University.
- July 2014, Awarded DLitt (Hon), University of Roehampton.
- October 2016, Awarded DLitt (Hon) Kings College, London.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, Awarded Doctor of Education, Robert Gordon University.

### **Select School speeches and lectures**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Manchester Grammar School.  
 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Glasgow Academy Prep School Prizegiving speech  
 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, Beaconsfield Independent School, Prizegiving Speech.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, George Watson, Edinburgh  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, St Margarets Girls School, Aberdeen.  
 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, Loretos, Edinburgh, Prizegiving Speech.

### **Academic and other marks of recognition and prestige**

- December 2009, First Muslim speaker to deliver 'Time for Reflection' at The Scottish Parliament.
- 2001 –2003 - Consultant for the Ministry of Defence on their Middle-East Masters Course, Royal College of Defence Studies,
- July 2003, Invitation to take part in the Progressive Governance Conference, hosted by Tony Blair.
- 2003, Awarded grant of \$150,000 from the Ford Foundation as lead PI on project on Muslim Philanthropy. Appointed two researchers for this project. The initial meeting took place in Bali, July 2003 and two further meetings were held in Cairo, April 2004 and Istanbul, September 2004.

- 2004 -2008. Invited to become member of Editorial Board for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (3 years full funding).
- 2004, Invitation to act as reviewer for the full Study of Islam Section at the American Academy of Religion conference, San Antonio.
- 2004, Awarded Carnegie and Rockefeller Visiting Scholarship to the USA to speak on Islam in a number of American universities. Coordinated by the American University of Beirut.
- October, 2005, Awarded McCord Ecumenical Prize, from Centre for Theological Inquiry, Princeton.
- August 2005 – Chair of the BBC’s Scottish Religious Advisory Committee (previously from 1998 committee member of SRAC)
- 2005 - Invitation to attend Queens’ Garden Party, Holyrood Palace.
- 2005, Elected Fellow of Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- 2005, Elected Fellow of Royal Society of Arts.
- 2006, Invitation by a Dutch TV company to make a documentary about my life and work in Glasgow, ‘Leading Women Theologians.’
- Ongoing collaboration with East Renfrewshire Council Teacher Training Service to provide in service training for their RE teachers. I am now consulted regularly on a variety of issues related to the teaching of religion Scotland.
- 2005, Invitation to become member of AHRC Peer Review.
- January 2006, Personal Profile in *Life and Work* Magazine (Church of Scotland).
- 2006, Awarded title of ‘Phenomenal Women’ by Womens Issues Network, Department for Constitutional Affairs.
- November 2006, Personal and Professional Profile in *Herald Society*.
- February 2008, Invited to be on the Advisory Board for ESRC/AHRC/FCO ‘Radicalisation and Violence – A Critical Reassessment Programme, Warwick University.
- 2008-2009, Visiting Professor, holding the Jantina Tammes Chair at the University of Groningen.
- March 2008, Interview with *Thirdway* Magazine.
- April 2008, Invited to become a member of Commission on Scottish Devolution.
- May 2008, Invitation to join the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Islam-West Dialogue.
- July 2008, Personal and Professional Profile in *Times Higher Education*.
- 2008, Longlisted for Wardenship of Keble College, Oxford.
- 2009, Invited to be Trustee on the Young Foundation.
- 2009, Shortlisted for National Muslim News Awards for Excellence.
- December 2009, Personal and Professional Profile in *Sunday Post*.
- 2010, Awarded £10,000 from Stewart Halley Trust towards a book on Islam and Christology.
- 2010, Invited to join Editorial Board of *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Birmingham University.
- 2010, Invited to join Islamic Studies Network Advisory Board, Higher Education Academy, York.
- 2010, Invited to join the Editorial board of *Practising Social Change, The Practitioners’ Journal of NTL’s Institute for Applied Behavioural Science*.



- 2010, Invitation by FCO to make short online film of my life and work for Olympic Games 2012, 'Take a Moment to see Britain through My Eyes.'
- May 25<sup>th</sup> 2010, First Muslim woman to address the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland.
- 2010-2013, Invitation to hold Chair of Islam and Citizenship, University of Tilburg/Utrecht.
- 2011-2012, Invited to be photographed for the Scottish National Portrait Gallery's Permanent Collection for an exhibition recognising individual significant contribution to Scottish life.
- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Invitation to meet Pope Benedict at Holyrood Palace.
- September 2010, Invitation to be Visiting Professor at the Angelicum University, Rome.
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Personal profile in *The Herald*.
- 2011-2014, Invitation to be Associate Scholar at Georgetown University on Templeton Funded, 'Religious Freedom' project.
- June 2011, Awarded OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.
- February 2012, Invited to Lambeth Palace reception to mark Queen's Jubilee.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, Castaway on BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*.
- November 2012, Personal profiles in the *Times*, *Scotsman* and *STV* as first Muslim Professor in New College, Edinburgh University.
- December 2012, Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Incorporation of Scottish Architects (RIAS) for contribution to Scottish life.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> 2013, 'Time for Reflection,' Scottish Parliament (second invitation).
- June 2013-2014, Invited to be Vice-Chair of the Global Agenda Council for Faith, World Economic Forum.
- June 2013 – Invitation to join the editorial board for the prestigious Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an, Brill.
- Jan 22-25<sup>th</sup> 2014, Two presentations at World Economic Forum, Davos.
- March 10-14<sup>th</sup> 2014 Invitation to be Humanitas Visiting Professor in Womens Rights, Cambridge University.
- June 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> 2014, Panel respondent for Holberg prizewinner, Michael Cook at the 2014 Holberg Symposium, Bergen, Norway.
- November 2014, Elected to the Nuffield Council on Bioethics.
- May 2015, Judge on Sandford St Martin Trust Television Awards.
- March 2015, Voted in Debretts top 500 most influential in UK.
- 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Guest speaker at Greenbelt Festival.
- 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, Glasgow University, International A mee conference, (Medical Education), speaking on bioethics, diversity, and medical education.
- 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Forum 2000 conference, Prague, Education and Democracy.
- 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, Krister Stendahl Lecture, Stockholm.
- 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015. invited to present a paper on Islam and democracy for Futureworld Foundation through the Asia Policy Institute, Kiel.
- 25-27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, Global Agenda Council on Faith, World Economic Forum, Abu Dhabi.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, Keynote at Babcock Conference in Education, Middlesex.
- January, 2016, Invited by Scottish Government to sit on the Scottish Commemoration panel WW100 (with a formal invitation by Fiona Hyslop).

- 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, British Academy panel discussion, 'Who cares if Britain is not a Christian country?'
- October 2015 - Invited to chair the pro Europe Stronger In campaign in Scotland.
- November 14, 2016, Vincent Strudwick Lecture, Kellogg College, Oxford University.
- Delivered the Gifford lectures, 'Human Struggle', Aberdeen University, September, 2016.
- October 2016, I was awarded an Honorary DLitt from Kings College, London (the Principal has invited me to consider an honorary professorship).
- August 2016, I was made a Visiting Professor at the University of Surrey's International Care Ethics Observatory.
- Since June 2016, I have been chairing the independent sharia review commissioned by the Home Office. A preliminary report has been submitted and the final report was completed in Spring 2018.
- June 2016, invited to become an elected member of the Medical Ethics committee of the British Medical Association.
- July 2016 invited to become a member of the advisory board of UCL's Institute of Education.
- September 2016, Delivered the Gifford lectures (5), University of Aberdeen. First Muslim woman to give the Gifford series.
- October 2016, invited to become a member of the Scholarships Committee of the Robertson Trust in Glasgow.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> 2017, two public events on human struggle at Southbank centre, London. <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/search-meaning-life>
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Public conversation with Rowan Williams on Christian-Muslim relations at Bloomsbury Church, London.  
2018, several national and international fully funded lectures around the themes of Hospitality and Christian-Muslim studies (February, Magdalene College, Oxford, February, Boston University, March Stuttgart University, July, Amsterdam).  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Templeton Funded Lecture at St Andrews University on Christian- Muslim theological encounters.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, 'Passion, piety and psychosis in medieval Islam,' International Congress of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Edinburgh University.
- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 'The poetry of piety: between divine word and prophetic word' at The Power of the Word Conference, St Ann's, Oxford University.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Forum 2000 Conference, Prague 'Religion and Democracy.' <https://www.forum2000.cz/en/homepage>
- 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, St Matthias Lecture, 'Justice: Our Hope in a divided world.' Bristol Cathedral and UWE, Bristol.
- 6<sup>th</sup> November, St Martin in the Fields Church, London, 'Reforming Attitudes to Islam.'
- 7-8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, Web Summit, 'Can Democracy Survive in Europe?' Lisbon. <https://websummit.com/>

- 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, University of Oxford University Sermon, University of Oxford.
- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 'Struggle, Imagination and the quest for justice,' 2<sup>nd</sup> British Academy Lecture in Religious Studies, British Academy, Carlton House, London, 2018.
- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 'Old and New in Christian-Muslim Conversations.' Keynote at the first European Academy of Religion Conference, Bologna.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, Edinburgh Festival Service, St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.
- September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Headmasters Lecture, Ampleforth College,
- September 12-13, 2018, Keynote at Fribourg University conference, 'Man, Meaning and Modernity' at Islamic Anthropologies Conference
- October 26, 2018, The Jane Harrison Memorial Lecture, 'Is there really no place for sharia in the UK?' Newnham College, University of Cambridge.
- October 2nd 2018, keynote, 'God and the Good' series of lectures sponsored by the Prokhorov Centre, at University of Sheffield, 'Diatribes, dialogue and difference: Reflections on Christian-Muslim relations,' Sheffield Cathedral.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, Keynote 'Doing God in Europe: The limits of law and pluralism,' at Political Theology conference at the Martin Marty Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, Divinity School, University of Chicago.
- January 2019 – Invited to give the annual Milad lecture in Toronto and an Islamic law lecture at Emmanuel College, Toronto.

### **Recent recognition and invitations**

March 25-28, 2019, Invited to give the Distinguished Harold J. Berman Lectures in Law and Religion at Emory University, Atlanta. (One of Law and Religion Center's most distinguished forums, named in honor and memory of the great pioneer in law and religion and legal history).

May 22-24, 2019 – Invited to give keynote on 'Sources of Democracy, Citizenship and Ethical values,' Venice Seminars. Cini Foundation in collaboration with the Center for Humanities and Social Change at Ca' Foscari University and Mominoun Foundation.

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019, Annual Bartlett Lecture, Yale Divinity School.

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Induction as Fellow of the American Academy for the Arts and Sciences, Boston.

December 8-12 2019, Keynote on 'The Problematics of Tolerance,' PeaceForum, Abu Dhabi.

January 12-14 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop on Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives, Keynote on 'Limits of gratitude in Public space – classical and contemporary views,' British University of Dubai, Dubai.

February 26-28, 2020, Keynote on Hospitality at the Inauguration of the Lamin Sanneh Institute, Accra, Ghana.

March 16 2021, The F.D Maurice Lecture, Kings College, University of London.

May 25- 29 2021, The Bijlefeld Lecture, Hartford Seminary, Connecticut. Invitation to visit and teach at the Seminary as Distinguished Professor in September 2021.

September 8-12 2022, Islamic Council of Singapore, Keynote on the value of Interreligious dialogue for young people.

December 5-9 2022 – VIP Invitation to chair Panel discussion on culture at the launch of the Al-Waleed Cultural Project, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

### Public and Institutional

April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, Invited to dine with the HRH The Queen at Windsor Castle and stay overnight at a private dinner party.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, Invited to a private viewing of South Asian art collection at Buckingham Palace.

June 1, 2020, Invited to join the Advisory Council of Wilton Park, an executive arm of the Foreign and Commonwealth office.

September 2020, Government appointment to the Board of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-secretary-announces-new-members-of-the-uk-holocaust-memorial-foundation>

December 2020, Invited to be a member and first honorary speaker of the Royal Scottish Academy:

<https://www.royalscottishacademy.org/members/mona-siddiqui/>

September 2021 – elected VP International at the Royal Society of Edinburgh

August 2021 – Invited to Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies as their Distinguished Visiting Professor during 2022-2023.

April 2022, Elected VP International at the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

April 2022, July 2022 – invited to Union Theological Seminary as Visiting Professor, 2023-2024.

### Grants

In my role as Chair of the Al-Waleed Advisory Board, I have worked with the staff at the Al-Waleed Centre and key staff at Al-Waleed Philanthropies to secure funding for two summer schools to be held at the University of Edinburgh totalling to almost

£600,000. First summer school took place in June 2017 and the second one will be held in June/July 2018.

In 2017, my colleague and I were awarded \$425,000 from the Luce Theological Fund. I am co- investigator on this grant. This award will be invaluable in making the University of Edinburgh as the internationally leading place to study Christian Muslim relations combining both academic and public work.

In July 2017, I was awarded *circa* \$60000 from the John Templeton Foundation for launching a network of Islamic Philosophy conference at the University of Edinburgh.

In August 2018 I was awarded \$339,000 from the Issachar Fund for an international Christian-Muslim comparative project on the theme of Gratitude. Workshops and community projects have taken place in Edinburgh, Yale and an edited collection of papers will be published in 2020 with Cambridge University Press. My work on gratitude continues with my podcast which has received excellent global feedback: <https://livinggratefully.buzzsprout.com>

In January 2021, I was awarded a further \$155000 from the Issachar Fund for an international Christian Muslim comparative project on the concept of Loyalty and Fidelity.

In December 2022, I was awarded a \$35000 Planning grant from Templeton Religion Trust on a comparative approach to the concept of hope.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Mona Siddiqui, *How to read the Qur'an*, Granta, London, September 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> print, 2014).

Mona Siddiqui, (ed.) *Islam*. 4 Vols Sage, June 2010.

Mona Siddiqui, *The Good Muslim: Reflections on Classical Islamic law and Theology*, Cambridge University Press, June, 2012.

Mona Siddiqui, *The Routledge Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations*, Routledge, December 2012

Mona Siddiqui, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus* – Yale University Press, 2013

Mona Siddiqui, *My Way: A Muslim Woman's Personal Journey*, IB Tauris, 2014.

Mona Siddiqui, *Islam and Hospitality: Welcoming in God's Name*, Yale UP, October, 2015.

Mona Siddiqui (ed.) *Routledge Critical Concepts, Muslim-Christian Encounters*, 4 Volumes, December 2016.

Mona Siddiqui, *50 Ideas, Islam*, Hodder and Stoughton, November 2016.

Mona Siddiqui, *Human Struggle: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press, February 2021.

Mona Siddiqui, *Faith and Fidelity in Islamic Law*, currently contracted with Edinburgh UP.

### **Most Recent Book Chapter**

Mona Siddiqui, 'Poetry, Prophecy and the Angelic Voice: Reflections on the Divine Word' in *Power of the Word Series*, Oxford Conference Proceedings, Routledge, September 2020.

### **Most Recent Peer Reviewed Journal Article**

Mona Siddiqui 'Religious Pluralism: Essential or Challenge to Liberal Democracy?' *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 2020, 46:5, 487- 496.

### **Policy**

February 2018, Publication of the Sharia Review

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/applying-sharia-law-in-england-and-wales-independent-review>**

The Report has been well received from all sides and the Home Office is currently combining Recommendations 1&2 of the Sharia Review into their Integration Strategy

### **Chapters in Books (All invited contributions)**

Mona Siddiqui, "Law and the desire for social control: an insight into the concept pp.49-68, Ithaca Press,1996, ISBN 086372203.

Mona Siddiqui, "The Image of Christ in Islam,"(ed.) Stanley E. Porter, Images of Christ Ancient and Modern, pp.159-172, Sheffield Academic Press, 1997, ISBN 1850758123.

Mona Siddiqui, "The Muslim Presence in Europe: Past and Present Issues" (eds.) Andrew Morton and Tim Francis, A Europe of Neighbours, pp.90-98, CTPI, Edinburgh, 1999, ISBN, 1870126408.

Mona Siddiqui, 'The Concept of Wilaya: authority versus consent in Classical Hanafi Law,'(ed.)Y.Cotran, Yearbook of Islamic and Middle-Eastern Law, pp.171-185, Kluwer Law International, 5, London, 2000, ISBN 90-411 13207.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Response:Learning from History,'(ed.) Michael Ipgrave, pp.37-39, The Road Ahead, Church House Publishing, London, 2002, ISBN, 071515002 2

Mona Siddiqui, "Defective Marriage in Classical Hanafi law: Issues of Form and Validity," (eds.) Hawting, Mojaddedi and Samely, Texts and

- Traditions in Memory of Norman Calder, pp.271-286, Oxford University Press, 2000, ISBN, 0199290067
- Mona Siddiqui, 'The Ethics of Gender Discourse in Islam, (ed.) Michael Ipgrave, Scriptures in Dialogue, pp.72-80, Church House Publishing, 2004, ISBN 07151 40124
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Jesus in Popular Muslim Thought,' (ed.) Greg Barker, Jesus in the World's Faiths, Orbis Books, 2005, ISBN 157075-573-6.
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- Mona Siddiqui, 'Islam in Scotland after 1945,' (eds.) Colin MacLean and Kenneth Veitch, A Compendium of Scottish Ethnology, Vol.12, pp.281-294, European Ethnological Research Centre, Edinburgh 2006, ISBN 10:085976650 0
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Divine law and Divine Love: Complimentary or Competing claims on Human Dignity,' in Paul Middleton (ed), *God of Love and Human Dignity, Essays in Honour of George Newlands*, T&T Clark, September 2007, ISBN, 0567031659.
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Drinking and Drunkenness: Ibn Rushd and the Issue of Intoxication,' in *Studies in Islamic Law, Festschrift for Colin Imber*, Oxford University Press, November 2007, ISBN 9780199534913.
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Is Islamic Law ethical?' *Justice Journal* Vol 5:1, London, 2008
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Seeing the face of the Lord: Hope or heresy?' in *The Pope and Jesus of Nazareth: Christ, Scripture and the Church*, A.Paddison and A.Pabst (eds), SCM Veritas 2009.
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Clarity of Confusion, Classical Fiqh and the Issue of Logic,' in J.Nielsen and L.Christoffersen (Eds.), *Shari`a as Discourse, Legal Traditions and the Encounter with Europe*, Ashgate, 2010.
- Mona Siddiqui, 'Being human in Islam' in *Humanity: Texts and Contexts*, Georgetown University Press, March 2011.
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