

Curriculum Vitae

Mona Siddiqui, OBE

Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies
Assistant Principal for Religion and Society, University of Edinburgh

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Personal Details:

Country of Birth	Pakistan
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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)

Honorary Doctorates for education and public service:

DLitt (Hon), Wolverhampton University (2002)
DLitt (Hon), Newman College, Leicester University (2009)
DCL (Hon), Huddersfield University (2009)
DLitt (Hon), University of Roehampton (2014)
DLitt (Hon) Kings College, London (2016)
DEd (Hon), Robert Gordon University (2018)

Professional Details:

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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)

Senior Administrative Roles at Glasgow University

- August 2004 – 2009, Elected Senate Assessor on the University Court with wide range of senior leadership roles.
- August 2002-2005, Elected Head of Department of Theology and Religious Studies.
- August 2001- 2002, Elected Vice-Dean in the Faculty of Divinity.
- September 2002 – 4, Elected Faculty member on the University's Senate Committee.
- September 2002- 4, Elected member of the Senate Appeals Committee

Areas of Research

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

I have successfully supervised 23 PhD students over the last 25 years and 15 Masters students and am currently supervising 5 PhD students in areas of comparative law and Theology. I have also supervised 5 international post-doctoral students. I am a regular reviewer of book proposals for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Routledge.

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.

Grants and External Funding

In 2017, my colleague and I were awarded \$425,000 from the Luce Theological Fund which enabled me to establish the Centre for Christian- Muslim relations at the University of Edinburgh. This award and my research profile made the University of Edinburgh a leading place internationally to study Christian Muslim relations and comparative ethics 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 and Western Philosophy conference at the University of Edinburgh.

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.

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 was published in 2022 with Cambridge University Press. My work on gratitude continues with my podcast which has received excellent global feedback: <https://livinggratefully.buzzsprout.com>

Owing to the wide international reach of the Gratitude project, 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. An edited volume will be published with Cambridge University Press in 2024.

In October 2022, I was awarded \$100,000 from the Templeton Religion Trust for a new international project on art and hope among young people

Fully Funded Visiting Professorships:

- 2008-2009, The Jantina Tammes Chair at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands.
- 2010-2013, Chair of Islam and Citizenship, University of Tilburg/Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2014, Humanitas Visiting Professor in Womens Rights, University of Cambridge.
- 2022-2024, Jane and Aatos Erkkö Professor in Contemporary Society, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Finland.
- 2023-2024, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Mona Siddiqui, *How to read the Qur'an*, Granta, London, September 2007 (2nd 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 and Nathanael Vette (eds.) *A Theology of Gratitude*, Cambridge University Press, 2022.

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

In February 2016, the UK Home Office invited me to chair an inquiry into shari`a councils in the UK. This invitation was based on the quality of my research and the respect in which I am held for my contributions to public debates. The Shari`a Review was published in 2018.

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

The Report has been well received with the recommendation being partly implemented into the 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.

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 or 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.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Following the Faith of a Friend: Desirable or Dangerous?' in Catarina Belo and Jean-Jacques Pérennès (eds.) *Mission in Dialogue, Essays in Honour of Michael L. Fitzgerald*, Louvain/Paris, Peeters, 2012.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Theomorphism in Islam,' in Dirk Evers, Michael Fuller, Antje Jackelén, Taede Smedes (eds.) *Is Religion Natural?* Continuum, 2012.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Muslim and Christian Perspectives on Divine Unity in Revelation' in *God, gods and idols*, European Congress for Theology, Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2013.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Reflections on Public, Private and Secular Space,' in Jesper Svartik and Jakob Wiren (eds.), *Religious Stereotyping and Interreligious Relations*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Islam and the Question of a Loving God' in Richard Noake and Nicholas Buxton (eds.) *Religion, Society and God*, SCM Press, 2013.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Who practices Hospitality entertains God himself,' in U. Schmiedel and J. Matarazzo (eds.), *Dynamics of Difference, Christianity and Alterity, A Festschrift for Werner Jeanrond*, T& T Clark, 2015.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Diatribes, Discourse and Dialogue: Reflections on Jesus in the history of Christian-Muslim Encounters,' in C. Methuen, A. Spicer and J. Wolffe (eds.) *Christianity and Religious Plurality*. Studies in Church History, Vol. 51, Boydell Press, 2015, 435-454.

Mona Siddiqui, 'God, discipleship and meaning in Rainer Maria Rilke and Muhammad al-Ghazali' in David Fergusson and Bruce McCormack (eds) *Schools of Faith: Essays on theology, ethics and education in honour of Iain R. Torrance*, T&T Clark, November 2018.

Mona Siddiqui, 'Imagination and the ethics of religious narratives' in James Walters (ed.) *Religious Imaginations and Global Transitions: How Narratives of Faith are shaping today's World*, Gingko Library, London, November, 2018.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

Mona Siddiqui, 'Mahr: Legal Obligation or Rightful Demand,' *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies*, 6:1, pp.14-24, 1995.

Mona Siddiqui, 'When Reconciliation Fails: Global Politics and the Study of Religion,' *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 73:4, pp.1141-1153, Oxford University Press, 2005, ISSN, 0002 7189

Mona Siddiqui, Max Farrar, 'When Alienation turns to Nihilism,' *Conversations in Religion and Theology*, Blackwell Publishing, 4:1, 2006, pp.109-114. (response article).

Mona Siddiqui, 'Islam: Issues of Political Authority and Pluralism,' *Political Theology*, 7:3, pp.337-350, Equinox Publishing, July 2006

Mona Siddiqui, Editorial: 'Sharia and the Public Debate,' *Political Theology*, Vol 9, No.3, 2008

Encyclopaedia Entries

Mona Siddiqui, 'Flogging,' (ed.) J.McAuliffe, *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*, pp.214-215, Brill, Leiden, 2002, ISBN 90 04 12035 1

Mona Siddiqui, 'Veil,' (ed.) J.McAuliffe, Encyclopaedia of the Quran, pp.412-416, December 2005, ISBN 90 04 123563

Mona Siddiqui, 'Widow,' (ed.) J. McAuliffe, Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an, Vol 5, pp.181-182, December 2005, ISBN 90 04 123563.

Other significant contributions to journals, newspapers and magazines

Book Reviews/Articles:

Review of Jacques Jomier, The Great Themes of the Qur'an, London 1997 in Scottish Journal of Religious Studies, Vol 19:2.

Review/article of Judith Tucker, In the House of the Law: Gender and Islamic law in Ottoman Syria and Palestine, University of California Press, 1998, in Law and History Review, vol19:2, 2000 ISBN 0520210395

Review of Ruth Roded (ed.), Women in Islam and the Middle-East: a reader, IB Tauris, 1999, ISBN 186064 3086 in Islam – Muslim Relations, vol.11:1, 2000, ISSN 09596410.

Review of Abdulkader Tayob, Islam- A short Introduction, Oneworld Publications, 1999 ISBN 1851681922, in Turkish Journal of Islamic Studies, vol.4, 2000

Review/article of D.Marshall, God, Muhammad and the Unbelievers: A Qur'anic Study, Curzon Press 1998 ISBN 0700710868 in Islam and Christian Muslim Relations, vol.11:1, 2000, Routledge, ISSN 0959-6410.

Review of F. Rahman, Revival and Reform in Islam: A Study of Islamic Fundamentalism, Oneworld Publishers, 1999 in The Expository Times, Edinburgh, ISSN 0014 5246

Review of Yasin Dutton, The Origins of Islamic Law: the Qur'an, the Muwatta' and the Madinan 'amal, Curzon Press, 1999, ISBN 0700710620 in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, vol.11, 2000, Routledge, ISSN 09596410.

Review/article of Abu al-Hasan al-Mawardi, The Ordinances of Government(al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyya), Garnet Publishing 2000 in Yearbook of Islamic and Middle-Eastern Law, vol. 6, 2000, ISBN 9041115714.

Review/article of Ibn Rushd, The Distinguished Jurist's Primer, 2 vols. Garnet Publishing, vol.1(1994) 660pp, vol.2 (1996) 675 pp, pp560-563, (eds.) Cotran and Mallat, Yearbook of Islamic and Middle-Eastern Law, Kluwer Law International, 2000, ISSN, 1384 2835

Review of R. Maqsood, The Mysteries of Jesus, Sakina Books, 2000 (ISBN 09538056), in The Expository Times, vol.112, Edinburgh, 2001, ISSN 00145246

Review of J. Renard, Islam and the Heroic Image: Themes in Literature and the Visual Arts, Mercer University Press, 1999, in Literature and Theology, vol. 16:1, Oxford University Press, 2002, ISSN 0269-1205

Review of B.Weiss (ed.), Studies in Islamic Legal Theory, Brill, 2002, ISBN 90 04 120661 1, in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, 14:3, Routledge, 2003.

Double review of F. Cardini, Europe and Islam, Blackwell 1999, and H. Goddard, A History of Christian-Muslim Relations, EUP 2000, in *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*, 2003.

Review of T.Saliba, C. Allen, J.Howard, Gender, Politics and Islam, University of Chicago, 2002 in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 72:4, Oxford University Press, ISSN 0002 7189

Mona Siddiqui, 'A Common Tongue,' *The Tablet*, 10th April 2004

Review of A. Saktanber, Living Islam: Women, Religion and the Politicisation of Culture in Turkey, I.B. Tauris, 2002 in *Islam and Christian –Muslim Relations*, Vol. 16, April 2005.

Review of J. Benthall and J. Bellion-Jourdan, The Charitable Crescent: Politics of Aid in the Muslim World, I.B Tauris 2003 in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 16:3, Routledge, July 2005.

Review of A. Saeed and H. Saeed, Freedom of Religion, Apostasy and Islam, Ashgate, 2004, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, January 2006.

Review of Y.Haddad and B Stowasser (eds.) Islamic Law and the Challenges of Modernity, , Altamira Press, 2004, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 73:4, Oxford University Press, 2005, ISSN 0002 7189

Mona Siddiqui, 'Reading the Bible: A Muslim Perspective,' *Reading the Bible*, SCM Press, 2006

Mona Siddiqui, 'On the Path to Mutual Respect,' *The Tablet*, 26th September 2006.

Mona Siddiqui, 'No room for just a little bit of discrimination,' *The Tablet*, 10th February 2007.

Review of Rudolph Peters, Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law, Cambridge University Press, 2006, *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 18:2, Oxford University Press, 2007.

Review of Judith Tucker, Women, Family and Gender in Islamic Law, Cambridge University Press, 2008, *Times Higher Education Supplement*, January 29th 2009

Review of Lady Evelyn Cobbold: Pilgrimage to Mecca, Arabian Publishing, *Edinburgh Review* 125, January 2009

Review of Tariq Ramadan, Radical Reform, Islamic Ethics and Liberation, Oxford University Press, 2009, *Times Higher Education Supplement*, April 2nd 2009.

Review of Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Nomad*, Simon and Shuster, 2010, The Telegraph, 5th June 2010.

Invited comment in *The Economist*, June 9th 2011

Review of Sadakat Kadri, Heaven On Earth, *New Statesman*, January 26th 2012.

'And Finally.' *Expository Times*, 123:10, July 2012

'And Finally.' *Expository Times*, 124:10, July 2013

Review of Haris Irfan, *Heavens Bankers*, The Telegraph, July 19th, 2014.

Review of Jonathan Brown, *Misquoting Muhammad*, The Independent, August 9th 2014.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/islamic-state/12006370/We-Muslims-cant-wait-for-the-next-bomb-before-wespeak-out.html>

<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/staggers/2016/01/weeks-magazine-god-issue>

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14537086.The_Sunday_Herald_Big_EU_Debate_This_week_IMMIGRATION/

My regular contribution to services outside the University has been as an international consultant, cultural commentator and advisor to a range of organisations on a wide variety of subjects. These require excellent time management skills, a commitment to detail and the ability and confidence to speak to a variety of audiences.

Media

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 public debates around the place of religion, ethics and social values in multicultural and secular liberal societies. I have been a consultant for the BBC and other international media on diverse religious, political and ethical matters, always adding depth and context to complex issues.

My work in the media demands regular involvement with developments in broadcasting on various sensitive but critical issues and I am frequently invited to meetings with Governors and Directors of the BBC, where high level discussion groups are held. As a scholar with a keen interest in the arts and intercultural collaboration, I also regularly contribute to and write for arts programmes. 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 11th 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 30th 2006

Panellist on ‘Any Questions?’ BBC Radio 4, January 5th 2007

Panellist on ‘Shari’a TV’ May 20th 2007, filmed in Jerusalem.

News reviewer for Politics Show, BBC 1 Scotland, November 25th 2007

Panellist on BBC, ‘The Big Questions,’ January 27th 2008.

Panel Discussion on God and Belief for the Open University Philosophy Course for Just Radio, 10th November 2009.

Panellist on BBC Radio 4, ‘Start the Week,’ with Rowan Williams, Philip Pullman, David Baddiel, April 4th 2010.

BBC 1, The Review Show, April 2010

BBC Radio 3, The Essay, 'Reflections on Mary in Islam,' December 16th 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 5th 2011.

BBC Radio 4, The World Tonight, 26th 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 21st 2012,

BBC Radio 4, 'Beyond Belief,' Tourism and Holy Sites 21st 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 13th 2013

BBC 4 Thought for Edinburgh International Festival, 'Friendship' August 12th 2013.

BBC Scotland, Brian Taylor's Politics show, April 4th 2014.

Several appearances on tv for BBC Scotland 2014/2015

BBC Radio 3 Essay Slot 'The Lords Prayer,' March 31st 2015

BBC Radio 3, Special Guest for *Private Passions*, July 19th 2015

Special panel on Ramadan 2015, June 11th 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 22nd 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.

BBC Radio 4, Any Questions, May 26th 2023.

Legal Consultancy

My commitment to detail and careful scrutiny have enabled me to act as a regular expert report writer for many UK and overseas cases. Most of the cases 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 Tabassum 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
 2023 – Simpson Millar, 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 international cultures. I refrain from dogmatic assumptions and my articles and research on a broad range of Islamic and religious issues have been fundamental in establishing my distinct reputation as an expert analyst and commentator.

Invited Conference Papers/ discussion groups (select & 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 8th 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 11th’ Debate at the Institute of Contemporary Scotland, October 11th, 2001.
- Principal convenor of workshop at the International Global Ethic Conference, Glasgow University, October 29-31, 2001
- Paper on Inter-Religious Dialogue at 1st 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 9-10th 2002.
- ‘The Language of Globalisation – An Obstacle to the Development of Religious Thought in Islam,’ European Association for the Study of Religions 3rd Congress, Bergen, Norway, 8-10th May 2003.
- ‘Changing Europe in a Changing World,’ Rapporteur at the Belgo -British Conference, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 16-18th 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 27th-May 29th, 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, 9/10th February 2005
- Invited participant at the International Elijah Dialogue Initiative, Jerusalem, April 18th -22nd 2005
- Participant at 4th Christian-Muslim 'Building Bridges' conference,' hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarajevo, May 18th- 21st, 2005.
- Invitation to attend Ford Foundation Conference on International Philanthropy, New York, May 19th-20th 2005
- Invitation to attend meeting of Muslim Education Charter in Rotterdam, organised through the Dutch Municipality, May 20th-21st 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 6th-10th 2005
- Invitation to chair the Trade Justice Conference, Edinburgh June 26th 2005
- Invited Participation at the International Elijah Dialogue Initiative, Arkansas, Texas, June 27th – July 3rd 2005.
- Invitation to speak for the Select Committee on the BBC Charter Review at the House of Lords, July 5th 2005
- Invitation to speak at the Gifford Lecture Symposium for the Edinburgh International Festival, August 15th 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, 11-14th December 2005

Keynote Lectures and Addresses (*select & 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 12th, 1999
- Keynote speech, ‘Media, Islam and Culture’ at Third international Conference on Media, Religion and Culture, Edinburgh University, July 20-23rd, 1999.
- ‘Dawn of a New Millenium – A Muslim woman’s response’ at Muslim Womens Millenium Conference, Commonwealth Institute, London, October 2nd 2000.
- ‘The Ethics of Gender Discourse in Islam,’ 2nd Christian-Muslim conference hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury and Emir of Qatar, Qatar 7-9 April 2003
- ‘Imagining a New Paradigm for Gender Discussions,’ International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, October 2003
- Keynote speaker at ‘Religion and the Media’ conference, Atlanta, November 21st 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 11th 2004.
- Keynote speaker at Islamic Social Justice at Joint Meeting of CIDSE ACP and CARITAS Europa, Brussels 21st April 2004.
- Keynote speech at Annual Milad Lecture, Ismaili Institute, London, 11th May 2004
- Keynote speech, ‘Reconstructing the British’ at St. Georges’s House, Windsor Castle, 17-18th 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, 21-23rd May, 2004.
- ‘Whose Debate? Whose Agenda?’ Speaker at Parliamentary Meeting, House of Commons, 12th May 2004
- Keynote speech, ‘New Ethical Paradigms in Muslim Thought.’ Muslim Institute, London, September 18th 2004
- Public address, ‘Muslims in Europe: Civil Society Initiatives amongst Muslims in the Netherlands,’ The Hague, September 26th 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 8th 2005
- ‘Muslim Ethics and Human Rights,’ The Global Village Lecture, Children of Abraham Foundation, Stockholm, 18th March 2005
- Invitation to address Royal United Service Institute for Defence and Security Studies, London, 13-14th June 2005
- Keynote address at Muslim Educational Centre of Oxford, July 2nd, 2005
- Keynote speech, ‘The Europe of Dialogue,’ VI Congress of Gniezno Conference, Poland, 16-18th September 2005
- Keynote speaker, conference for 40th anniversary of the ‘Nostra Aetate,’ Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 25-28th September 2005
- Keynote lecture on ‘Islam and Citizenship,’ Forum Institute for Multicultural Development, Utrecht, 1st -2nd October, 2005
- Guest speaker at the Ramsay Garden Seminar Series, Scottish Council Foundation, Edinburgh, December 15th 2005

- Speaker at ‘Phenomenal Women,’ organized through Department for Constitutional Affairs, London, 6-10th March 2006; awarded prize for contribution to British society.
- Guest speaker, ‘Gender and Religion Symposium,’ Cambridge University Centre for Gender Studies, 9th March 2006.
- Participant at 5th Christian-Muslim ‘Building Bridges’ conference, hosted by Archbishop Rowan Williams, ‘Religion and Human Rights,’ Georgetown University, Washington, March 26-30th, 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 13th 2006
- Plenary Speaker at 75th Anglo-American Conference of Institute of Historical Research, London, ‘Religion and Politics’, July 7th 2006.
- ‘Religious Pluralism and identity: What can education achieve for societal cohesion?’ Religions at School, 11th conference of the Trialogue of Cultures, Berlin, 13-14th November 2006 (sponsored by Herbert –Quandt-Stiftung).
- ‘Islam and Citizenship,’ Stevenson Lectures, Glasgow University, December 7th 2006
- ‘Islam in Europe: Europe in Islam or Eurabia?’ European Forum, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 10-11th December, 2006. (Unable to attend)
- Religion and Democracy in Europe,’ roundtable discussion with journalists ‘and academics, London School of Economics, January 18th 2007
- Muslims as Citizens: A Transatlantic Dialogue, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin, February 8-10th.
- Shalom-Hartman Institute, Jerusalem 18-22nd February, 2007
- Keynote Lecture, Twenty-Eighth Paul Wattson Lecture and Seminar series, University of San Francisco, CA, February 26th 2007 (Profile of lecture published in Catholic San Francisco, March 16th 2007).
Invited Presentation at Hartford Seminary and Yale Divinity School on 28th and 29th February 2007.
- ‘Between Renewal and Tradition: Shari’a as a discourse,’ Copenhagen 20-22nd March 2007. (A Profile of my life and work published in the Copenhagen Paper, *Kristeligt Dagblad*, 17th April 2007.
- Panel judge for the Sandford St Martin Trust Television Awards 2007, London 27-28th March 2007
- 6th Christian-Muslim Building Bridges conference convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, Malaysia, May 7th-11th 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 10th and 11th 2007.
- Invitation to speak at International Conference,’ ‘Towards a contemporary Theology of World religions, Al- Akhawayn International University, Ifrane, Morocco, 27-31st 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, 4th June 2007
- ‘Personal Profile,’ Leighton House Museum, London, June 9th 2007

- ‘Language of Human Rights and Freedom of Religion,’ meeting of the “Prague Process,” Berlin 11th June 2007.
- ‘Thinking Together,’ World Council of Churches, Geneva, June 16-20th 2007.
- Participant at ‘Religion and Public Life,’ consultation, St Georges’ House, Windsor Castle, 29th June- 2nd July 2007.
- ‘Form and Logic in Islamic Law,’ at ‘Ways of Reading’ conference organised by the British Library and Lokahi Foundation, London, 11th July 2007
- ‘Islamic Perspective on Christianity: Historical and Theological Perspectives,’ Christian-Muslim Forum, Stuttgart, July 25th 2007
- ‘Does Theology matter for peaceful coexistence? Greenbelt Festival, August 26th 2007
- Religion and Democracy in a Globalizing Europe,’ Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 1-3rd September 2007
- ‘Firm in our faith and living together;’ Ecumenical Study Day, Hertfordshire, 11th September 2007.
- ‘Perceptions of Islam in the West,’ Office of Fair Trading, November 14th 2007.
- ‘Human Destiny in Islam,’ 6th Building Bridges Seminar, convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, December 1-6th, Singapore, 2007.
- ‘What Is Human Dignity?’ Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh January 19th 2008.
- ‘Scriptural Texts and the Family,’ Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, 20-24th 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?’ 26th February 2008.
- ‘Muslim Women: Veils, Values and Voices,’ Monmouth Womens Festival, Monmouth, 3rd March 2008.
- Public lecture on ‘Religion, Gender and the Public Debate,’ University of Groningen, 12th March 2008.
- Keynote address on Religion and Diversity for Central Scotland Police, Falkirk, 16th March 2008.
- ‘The Muslim World and the West,’ 9th Conference of the International Centre for Contemporary Middle-Eastern Studies, University of Victoria, Canada, March 28-30th 2008.
- ‘Law and Religion,’ Panel Debate for 2008 Temple Festival celebrating 400 years, London, April 14th, 2008.
- 7th Building Bridges Conference, with Archbishop Rowan Williams, ‘Communicating the Word: Revelation, Translation and Interpretation in Christianity and Islam,’ May 5-9th 2008.
- Public Lecture, ‘Does Faith Matter for Human morality?’ Forum for European Philosophy, London School of Economics, 27th 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, 18-19th June 2007.
- Towards a Global family: A Buddhist -Muslim Dialogue Commemorating the 60th anniversary of UDHR, United Nations, New York ,3-4 September 2008

- ‘Muslims and Religious Pluralism,’ Berlin Forum for Progressive Muslims, October 16-18th 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 14th 2008.
- ‘Islam and the day of Judgement,’ 12th February 2009, Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- The Gonzaga lecture, St Aloysius College, Glasgow, March 3rd 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 18th 2009.
- ‘Love and Justice in Islam and Christianity.’ Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue, University of Geneva, April 30th 2009. (postponed)
- ‘What are the media doing to God?’ Churches Media Conference, Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire, June 8th 2009.
- Invited Participation in Global Agenda Council of World Economic Forum, Dubai, November 20-22nd 2009.
- Keynote Speech, ‘Facing up to the Challenge of Extremism,’ Hinsley Hall, Leeds, March 5th 2010
- Keynote speech - ESSSAT Annual conference on Science and Religion - ‘Man is naturally theomorphic – Islamic theological perspectives,’ Edinburgh 7-10th April 2010
- 3rd Pope John Paul II Lecture, Angelicum, Rome, ‘Islamic Perspectives on Judaism and Christianity,’ sponsored by the Russell Berrie Foundation, 20th April 2010.
- Annual Christian-Muslim Building Bridges Conference convened by Archbishop Rowan Williams, ‘Tradition and Modernity’ 25-27th May, Georgetown University, 2010.
- Keynote Speech on Reading Scripture in Abrahamic Faiths, International Council of Christians and Jews, Istanbul, 20th June 2010
- Open conversation at Wigtown Literary Festival, 25th September 2010
- Conference on ‘Religions, Convictions and Education,’ Bruges, Belgium, 7-9th December, 2010.
- ICCJ Trilateral Consultation, Berlin 2010.
- Participant in Berkeley Centre for Religious Freedom, Georgetown University, 18th-19th February, 2011.
- ‘Stereotyping the Other,’ Conference, Lund University, 11-14th April, 2011
- Building Bridges Christian-Muslim seminar, ‘Prayer,’ Qatar, 16th-20th May 2011.
- Keynote at Gender and Islam Conference, Inspire, London, 4-5th June, 2011.
- ‘Chaplaincy in Schools,’ Liverpool Hope University, 17th June, 2011.
- Guest Speaker at Diversity seminar, Goldman Sachs, September 12th 2011
- Invitation to respond to Ecclesiology panel and 9/11 panel at AAR, November 2011
- Participant in Franco-British Colloquy, Hampshire, 19-20th January 2012 with reception at 10 Downing Street.

- Keynote speech at the reopening of the Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem, March 22nd, 2012.
- Panel Discussion at the 4th Israeli Presidential Conference, Jerusalem, 21st June 2012.
- ‘Islamic Law: Contract and Consummation in gender relations’ International Conference on Women, Authority and Leadership in Christianity and Islam, Roehampton University, September 10th, 2012.
- 63rd Cheltenham Literary Festival, talk on the Qur’an, October 2012.
- Interrogate Festival, Dartington, concept of ‘Happiness,’ 12-14th October, 2012
- Edinburgh University, Changing World Series, ‘Religion, Secularism and the Public Square,’ 30th October 2012
- BBC Radio 3, Freethinking Festival, Live studio discussion ‘Christian-Muslim Relations,’ Newcastle, 4th November 2012
- Keynote lecture as patron of the Christian Muslim charity, *The Feast*, 7th November 2012.
- ‘Faith in Public Life’ the Hook Lecture, organised by University of Leeds and Leeds Minster, 15th November 2012.
- Conversation with Brian McLaren on interreligious dialogue, The Sage, 1st December, 2012.
- Catholic Secondary school conference, London, 24th January, 2013.
- Index on Censorship – taking the Offensive, Southbank Centre, 29th Jan 2013
- ‘Islam and the Question of Loving God,’ Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, 31st January 2013.
- ‘Religious Freedom: a Contested Right’ in Thinking Allowed series, Glasgow, February 6th, 2013.
- ‘Time for Reflection,’ Scottish Parliament, 5 March 2013
- Glasgow Ayewrite Festival, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, April 17th 2013
- Panel Discussion on ‘Religion in the workplace,’ Goldman Sachs, June 2013.
- Shaykha Fest conference, ‘ A personal journey’ Al-Rawiyah Foundation, New Jersey, June 18th 2013
- Edinburgh International Festival, ‘Academics and their Publics,’ August 29th 2013
- Oslo Coalition workshop on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Istanbul, 6-8th October, 2013.
- Cheltenham Literary Festival, ‘Islam,’ October 8th 2013
- Wells Festival of Literature, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, October 12th, 2013.
- Gordon Cook Conversations, Dounside House, Aberdeen, 16th October 2013
- Plymouth International Book Festival, *Christians, Muslims and Jesus*, 4th November 2013
- ‘Christianity and Religious Freedom,’ Rome, December 12-15th, 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, 9th-12th January, 2014.
- Warwick University Chaplaincy Lecture/Vice-Chancellors Distinguished lecture series, ‘Faith in Public Life: Hope or Hindrance?’ February 3rd, 2014.

- Invited to speak on political justice and Islam at the Blavatnik school of Government, Oxford University, 28th October 2014
- November 9-11th, Participating at the World Economic Forum, Network of Global Agenda Councils on Faith and Civil Society, Dubai.
- March 14th, 2015, Invited to speak about my new book at Words by the Water Literary Festival, Kendall.
- March 26th, 2015, Invited to discuss my latest book, *My Way*, with Martyn Percy, Oxford Literary Festival .
- April 18th, 2015, Invited to speak about religion and society at Ombersley Literary Festival.
- April 20th 2015, Aye Write Festival, Glasgow
- April 25th, Hexham Book Festival,
- 29th April 2015, The McCosh Lecture, Queen’s University, Belfast.
- 6th May, 2015, Keynote on Inspirational living, ODN Conference, London.
- 16-17th May, speaking about my new book *My Way*, Bradford Literary Festival.
- 21st May, 2015, Charlie Hebdo debate, Southampton Solent University.
- 20th June, 2015, Newcastle University’s Convocation Lecture.
- January 28th, 2016, British Academy panel discussion, ‘Who cares if Britain is not a Christian country?’
- May 13th, 2016 Public conversation on Religion and Society, Goldman Sachs, London
- May 21st 2016, keynote at Clare College, Cambridge University, ‘Reconsidering Religious Radicalisation.’
- May 25th, 2016 Annual Leo Baeck College lecture and conversation.
- November 1st 2016, ‘Human Struggle,’ Public lecture series, University of Newcastle.
- November 14, 2016, Vincent Strudwick Lecture, Kellogg College, Oxford University

Evidence of Outstanding personal qualities through a variety of invitations.

- 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 Rockerfeller 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 the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- 2005, Elected Fellow of the 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.’
- 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.
- 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*.
- 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 25th 2010, First Muslim woman to address the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland.
- 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.
- 16th September 2010, Invitation to meet Pope Benedict at Holyrood Palace.
- September 2010, Invitation to be Visiting Professor at the Angelicum University, Rome.
- 16th 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 18th 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 5th 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 22-25th 2014, Two presentations at World Economic Forum, Davos.
- June 3rd-5th 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.
- 30th August 2015 – Guest speaker at Greenbelt Festival.
- 8th September, 2015, Glasgow University, International Ameer conference, (Medical Education), speaking on bioethics, diversity, and medical education.
- 13th-16th September 2015, Forum 2000 conference, Prague, Education and Democracy.
- 12th October, 2015, Krister Stendahl Lecture, Stockholm.
- 14th October, 2015. invited to present a paper on Islam and democracy for Futureworld Foundation through the Asia Policy Institute, Kiel.
- 25-27th October, 2015, Global Agenda Council on Faith, World Economic Forum, Abu Dhabi.
- 28th 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).
- 28th 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 21st 2017, two public events on human struggle at Southbank centre, London. <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/search-meaning-life>
- February 28th, 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 8th, 2017, Templeton Funded Lecture at St Andrews University on Christian- Muslim theological encounters.
- June 28th 2017, 'Passion, piety and psychosis in medieval Islam,' International Congress of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Edinburgh University.
- 13th September 2017, 'The poetry of piety: between divine word and prophetic word' at The Power of the Word Conference, St Ann's, Oxford University.
- 8th October 2017, Forum 2000 Conference, Prague 'Religion and Democracy.' <https://www.forum2000.cz/en/homepage>
- 10th October, 2017, St Matthias Lecture, 'Justice: Our Hope in a divided world.' Bristol Cathedral and UWE, Bristol.
- 6th November, St Martin in the Fields Church, London, 'Reforming Attitudes to Islam.'
- 7-8th November, 2017, Web Summit, 'Can Democracy Survive in Europe?' Lisbon. <https://websummit.com/>
- 28th January, 2018, University of Oxford University Sermon, University of Oxford.
- 8th February 2018, 'Struggle, Imagination and the quest for justice,' 2nd British Academy Lecture in Religious Studies, British Academy, Carlton House, London, 2018.
- 6th March 2018, 'Old and New in Christian-Muslim Conversations.' Keynote at the first European Academy of Religion Conference, Bologna.
- August 5th 2018, Edinburgh Festival Service, St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.
- September 7th, 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 8th 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.
- 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).
- December 8-12 2019, Keynote on 'The Problematics of Tolerance,' PeaceForum, Abu Dhabi.
- 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.
- February 27th 2023- Invitation to University of St Paul, Minneapolis to speak on my work on hospitality, 'From Abraham's angels to Europe's Refugees: the ethic and challenge of hospitality.'
- March 2, 2023, - Invitation from Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, The Annual Thomas Lake Lecture, 'Art, Philanthropy and Giving: the disruptive nature of giving.'

Forthcoming Invitations:

June 23-25 – Invitation to speak at Annual Templeton Meeting, Aruba, on 'The Challenge of Hospitality.'

July 5-8, Invitation to speak at Cambridge University, 'Religious Diversity and the Secular University.'

Recent Public and Institutional Marks of Prestige

April 9th 2018, Invited to dine with the HM The Queen at Windsor Castle and stay overnight at a private dinner party.

June 6th 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, Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland’s National Academy.

February 2023 – appointed trustee on board of Edinburgh International Cultural Summit
