The Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK

The Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK was opened in September 2005 by Yusuf Islam, formerly musician Cat Stevens in front of 400 guests.

Islam is the second largest religion in Britain and, indeed, the world. There are 46,000 Muslims in Wales, about half of whom live in Cardiff itself (Census 2011).

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

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

Public Seminar Series 2022

**Wednesday 9th February 5pm**

**Professor Tariq Modood**

*Islamophobia, antisemitism and the struggle for recognition: The politics of definitions*

*Chair: Laura Jones*

**Tariq Modood**, MBE, FBA is Professor of Sociology, Politics and Public Policy and the founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship at the University of Bristol. He has published widely in the sociology and political theory of multiculturalism and was part of the Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain, as also of the National Equality Panel, and the Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life.

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In partnership with Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team (EYST) Wales

**Wednesday 23th February 5pm**

**Professor Jonas Otterbeck**

*Researching creativity and Islam: Cases from contemporary popular culture*

*Chair: Shaista Chishty*

**Jonas Otterbeck** is Professor of Islamic studies at Aga Khan University – Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations. Otterbeck researches contemporary Islamic ideas and expressions. His most recent research is on Islamic pop music and especially the media company Awakening and its artists, such as Maher Zain. He also published on the identity constructions of Muslim youth and their understanding of Islam, the representation of Islam and Muslims in Sweden, and active citizenship among Muslims.

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**Dr Shanon Shah** conducts research on minority religions and alternative spiritualities at the Information Network Focus on Religious Movements (Inform), based at King’s College London, and is Tutor in Interfaith Relations at the University of London’s Divinity programme. He is also the Director of Faith for the Climate, a faith-inspired network of climate justice activists, and an editor at *Critical Muslim*, the flagship quarterly publication of the Muslim Institute (a London-based educational fellowship).

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**Dr Sana Rizvi** is a Senior Lecturer in Education and Early Childhood Studies at Liverpool John Moores University. Her research centres on the educational experiences of minoritised communities at various intersections, exclusionary processes that affect minoritised communities, and the experiences of BIPOC staff and students within a UK HE context. She is passionate about teaching on the subjects of racial inequalities in education, critical perspectives on disability studies and inclusive education, and on qualitative methodologies.

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**Ron Geaves** is Visiting Professor at the Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK. His books include *Islam in Victorian Britain: The Life and Times of Abdullah Quilliam* (2010); *Abdullah Quilliam and Islam in the West* (2017); and *Islam and Britain: Muslim Mission in an Age of Empire* (2017).

**Yahya Birt** is a community historian who has taught at the University of Leeds. He has an M.Phil. in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the University of Oxford. He has published over a dozen peer-reviewed articles on Islam in Britain and co-edited *British Secularism and Religion: Islam, Society and State* (2016); *Islam in Victorian Liverpool: An Ottoman Account of Britain’s First Mosque Community* (2021); and *The Collected Poems of Abdullah Quilliam* (2021).

Register here: [https://geaves-and-birt.eventbrite.co.uk](https://geaves-and-birt.eventbrite.co.uk)
Laura Jones

PhD topic: Observing Ramadan in Britain. Generously funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme.

Project summary: Fasting in Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and a ritual that is maintained by a diverse range of Muslims. The occasion has also attracted the attention of mainstream media, politicians and the commercial sector. Despite this, academic literature on Ramadan in the UK is sparse, thus the reason for my study.

I am in the third year of my PhD which explores British Muslim experiences of the month of Ramadan. I use solicited photo diaries from Ramadan 2020 and follow-up interviews to explore the significance of the holy month during the pandemic and beyond.

Drawing on Durkheim’s theory of ‘effervescence’, my findings discuss the month of Ramadan as an embodied phenomenon which serves to strengthen communal solidarity amongst Muslims. I explore topics such as food, individual and communal ritual, and spirituality in my research. Methodologically, I demonstrate how diaries and visual methods can be important research tools for studies of lived religion, giving researchers access to experiences that would otherwise be difficult to observe.

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Laiqah Osman

PhD topic: Muslim Women in Britain and the Authority of Online Islamic Content: Assessing the Emergence of Fatwa Shopping on Religiosity. Generously funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme.

Project summary: Muslim women in Britain use, interact and engage with different sources of Islamic authority. Since the advent of Islam on the internet, media sources have become increasingly popular in facilitating this interaction. These can include fatwa websites, Islamic scholars’ profiles on social media, Islamic Q&A shows/forums and the automation of Islamic legal literature. My research suggests that this development has significantly transformed women’s role and, subsequently, the function of authority in this engagement.

By studying women’s use of the internet to access religious knowledge, we will have a greater understanding of the impact that these sources have on their lived religious experiences. It will also help us to explore the role of individual agency in their religious exploration, shifting the narrative beyond the traditional male guardians of knowledge.

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Fatou Sambe

PhD topic: Converts and the Next Generation of British Muslims. Generously funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme.

Project summary: My research project explores the long-term post-conversion experiences of converts in Britain and the particular intersection of converts having children, as well as the experiences of (adult) children of converts. During my fieldwork I have conducted 46 in-depth interviews with 50 participants of diverse backgrounds from all over the UK.

This study has used a combination of traditional social science methods (semi-structured oral history interviews) and internet research (online ethnography) to understand how, and in what context Muslim women use these sources to guide and direct their religious practice.

At present, I have conducted 19 interviews with women of varying ages and ethnic backgrounds. The data collected is being processed in preparation for the online ethnography and the subsequent analysis stage.

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I aim to explore what it means to become a Muslim and raise (Muslim) children. How do converts navigate their new lives, community spaces and raising children, and how do children of converts navigate their mixed background and extended Muslim and non-Muslim families? I also consider how historical, socio-political factors and contexts in Britain shape their experiences.

My interest in this topic was developed during previous research with Scottish and German convert women for my undergraduate dissertation as well as my own background as the daughter of a convert mother. Through my research, I am hoping to contribute to a better understanding of the varying identities and unique experiences of the current generation of Muslims in Britain and ultimately the heterogeneity of Muslim communities.

I am in the fourth year of my PhD and currently analysing the interview data I have collected over the last year.

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Fatima Khan

PhD topic: Muslims in Britain and Disabilities: Experiences and Attitudes
Generously funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme.

Project summary: This study explores the experiences of and attitudes towards visual impairments (Vis) amongst British Muslims. Within the corpus of disability studies, participant research projects are atypical due to the adoption of a “medical model”. Additionally, while Islamic Studies is an extensive academic discipline, research on Islam and disabilities is limited to sacred texts and legal rulings. Consequently, the lived experiences of Muslims with disabilities and attitudes towards disabilities are neglected areas.

The objective of this project is two-fold: firstly, to develop an understanding of the challenges faced by British Muslims with Vis; and secondly, to develop an understanding of the social stigma (if any) attached with Vis in British Muslim communities. The aim is to create a narrative into which the lived experiences of individuals with Vis are woven with an insight into the attitudes held by the wider British Muslim communities towards such impairments. This will (hopefully) not only give a voice to Muslims with Vis to express their experiences and raise awareness regarding the challenges associated with having a disability, but also encourage an open dialogue within the Muslim and academic communities on disabilities.

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Shaista Chishty

PhD topic: British Muslim Women, Orientalism and Contemporary Identity-Making
Generously funded by the Jameel Scholarship Programme.

Project summary: Historically, portrayals of Muslims in news and popular culture have been problematic. Muslim women in particular have been subject to changing (mis)representations. Increased opportunities for self-representation via social media suggests the potential to disrupt stereotypes and improve social inclusion. However, research indicates that young Muslim women are sometimes minimising ‘Muslimness’ for social acceptance and evidence is pointing to the emergence of an internalised Islamophobia among some Muslims.

My research is interested in exploring the relationship between popular historic depictions of Muslim women and how they perceive and present themselves today, specifically online.

In my work as a photographer and visual artist, I have observed the influences of dominant visual narratives and recognise the unconscious recreation of tropes in my professional photographic archive. I am interested in understanding the extent to which dominant narratives can be internalised and then recreated by marginalised communities.

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Scholarship on Islam and Muslims in Britain is now an established and rapidly growing field. There is an urgent need to continue to develop new scholars from a range of backgrounds and experiences who can critically evaluate emerging debates and appreciate the rich diversity within British Muslim communities.

This interdisciplinary programme, drawing upon the fields of history, sociology, and religious studies, examines the history and settlement of Muslims in Britain and the dynamics that shape contemporary Muslim communities.

We look at how Muslims have engaged with local and national government in relation to matters such as education, social policy, and chaplaincy, as well as the growth of Muslim community infrastructures such as mosques and charities. During the course of the MA, students receive a thorough grounding in social science research methods and theories and acquire a set of transferrable skills that will equip them for a range of careers. Students can undertake volunteering projects during their studies.

Full scholarships through our Jameel programme are available. Follow our communications channels, such as our website, for application information in the new year.

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**Bethan Gibbs**
Having completed my BA Religion and Theology at Cardiff University, I’ve had a lot of contact with Islam within the academic world. I found myself drawn to it whilst studying Arabic and continued my exploration throughout university, including a Year of Study Abroad in Canada at Dalhousie University, by looking at Islamic ethics, Islam in Britain and Islam in the news. Towards my final year I undertook a research position with the Islam-UK Centre’s Dr Michael Munnik, where we evaluated journalistic style guides on Islam and Muslims. Following this, I completed my dissertation, which focused on language surrounding Islam and Muslims in the news and on social media during terror attacks. I wish to continue my research with Islam in the news and to place more emphasis on the importance of the role of social media in the news today.

**Arslan Ashraf**
I am grateful to receive a Jameel Scholarship to study at Cardiff University. I am a graduate of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London having read for a BA in History of the Islamic World. I live in North-East London with my wife and four-year-old daughter. Previously, I have also spent several years working with the Muslim Community in London, in both a professional and voluntary capacity. I am really enjoying my studies on the programme and am very grateful for the opportunity. Besides my academic interests, in my spare time I enjoy reading, travelling, cinema, philanthropy and socialising with family and friends as well as being active by partaking in activities such as hiking, bouldering, cricket, table-tennis, badminton, gym and mixed-martial arts.
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Over the course of her career,
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From November 2021, he will
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Dr Haroon Sidat completed his traditional Islamic Studies at a Dar al Uloom, or seminary. He has a background in economics, accounting and finance, and a PGCE in education. He completed his PhD in 2019 looking at the formation and training of imams and British Muslim religious leadership (ulama). He is interested in Islamic law and theology and how it can relate to the sociology of religion and his research interests include ethnographic methodology, intergenerational transmission of Islam in Britain and the relationship of Islam with modernity. Dr Sidat is also the Co-Investigator of a collaborative research project called ‘Science and the Transmission of Islamic Knowledge in Britain’ with colleagues at the University of Birmingham.

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Dr Asma Khan is Research Fellow in British Muslim Studies at the Islam-UK Centre. Asma leads two projects at the Centre as Principal Investigator: ‘Understanding Muslim Mental Health, a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)’, funded by the Jameel Research Programme; and the related ‘RCPsych Accreditation for the Understanding Muslim Mental Health MOOC’, funded by Cardiff University’s Civic Mission Fund. Asma is currently working with colleagues from the Islam-UK Centre and across the University, as well as a range of external experts, to develop the MOOC ready for launch in May 2022.

Asma’s research interests include labour market inequalities, migration, and the everyday lives of British Muslims. In her research, she considers how ‘being Muslim’ is a gendered, racialised and classed experience and the impact this has on everyday lives and opportunities.

Asma has been affiliated with the Islam-UK Centre since 2008, having worked on two of the Centre’s past research projects: ‘Religious Nurture in Muslim Families’, and ‘Social Cohesion and Civil Law’. She completed her PhD as a Jameel Scholar at the Centre in 2018; her thesis examined the reasons behind high levels of economic inactivity among Muslim women in Britain using mixed methods. Asma is a member of the executive committee for the Muslims in Britain Research Network; honorary research fellow at Sheffield University; and co-convener of the Migration, Ethnicity and Diversity Research Group at Cardiff University.

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Dr Riyaz Timol is leading the major three-year research project ‘Understanding British Imams’ as Principal Investigator and teaches the MA module ‘History and Development of Muslim Communities in Britain’. His PhD on the British branch of the transnational Islamic movement Tablighi Jama’at was shortlisted for the 2018 BRAIS - De Gruyter Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World. His disciplinary approach is within the sociology of religion and his research interests include ethnographic methodology, intergenerational transmission of Islam in Britain and the relationship of Islam with modernity. Dr Timol is also the Co-Investigator of a collaborative research project called ‘Science and the Transmission of Islamic Knowledge in Britain’ with colleagues at the University of Birmingham.

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research explored British Muslim perceptions of evolutionary science and how belief intersects with identity. His research background has primarily explored science and religion discussions, identity studies and the transmission of Islamic knowledge. In addition to his formal academic background, Dr Moran has also undertaken part-time seminar studies and has a diploma in Arabic from the University of Damascus, Syria.

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Honorary Visiting Professor
Professor Ron Geaves

Professor Ron Geaves has held a Chair in Religious Studies at the University of Chester (2001-2007) and a Chair in the Comparative Study of Religion at Liverpool Hope University (2007-2013). He joined the Community Religions Project at the University of Leeds in 1988 where he began to work on the transmigration of South Asian religions to Britain, especially Islam. He completed his PhD thesis Sectarian Influences within Islam in Britain which was published as a Community Religions Monograph. He has researched Islam in Britain since that time, publishing several books that explore British manifestations of Sufism. He is an early member of the Muslims in Britain Research Network and chaired the body from 2006 to 2009, and he remains a lifetime member of the committee. He is an early friend of the Islam-UK Centre, acting as its first external examiner for the MA programme (2005-8). His work remains focused on the application of religious knowledge to real life affairs and he is a passionate believer in advocacy. Consequently, he has been involved in a number of projects bridging academia to government, law, architects, education and media. His work on the theory and method in the study of religion, The Study of Religion, went to second edition in 2014, and he remains committed to advancing the subject discipline through promoting the study of lived religions. However, in 2010 he turned his attention to history, publishing the ground-breaking Islam in Victorian Britain: The Life and Times of Abdullah Quilliam followed by Islam and Britain: Muslim Mission in an Age of Empire and Victorian Muslim: Abdullah Quilliam and Islam in the West with Jamie Gilham, both published in 2017. He has delivered papers at over one hundred conferences, including invitations to Russia, USA, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Mauritius and India.

Honorary Research Fellow
Dr Ayesha Khan

Dr Ayesha Khan completed her doctoral studies at Cardiff University (2020), in the Sociology of Religion and British Muslim Studies. The interaction between transnational Sufism and the sociological landscape in Britain have led to new forms of Sufi expression. Ayesha’s research defined the concept of ‘post-tariqa’ Sufism, exploring diversity within religious practices and what young British Muslims interpret as Sufism. Using ethnographic and netnographic research methods, she looked at how British Muslims ‘consumed’ and ‘produced’ religious expression in physical and online spaces, in a commercial culture. Ayesha is a research and policy specialist, and founder of the charity CareStart. She is passionate about bridging research and policy and using this to overcome inequalities amongst grassroots communities. She is currently working on the Government’s Covid-19 policies, as well as within mental health, rehabilitation, education and social mobility.
Understanding British Imams

This ground-breaking research project is the largest academic study of British imams to have ever been conducted. Now in its third year, the project team have collated biographical data of over 2,000 British imams serving in mosques around the country and interviewed another 40 imams from various ethnic and theological backgrounds. This combined dataset allows us to sketch, for the first time, a national profile of British imams based on variables like age, country of birth or proficiency in the English language as well as provide unparalleled insights into their daily lives, joys and challenges. Additionally, a new survey launched in Autumn 2021 captured the views of the British Muslim community at large based on their interactions with imams. While the findings will be presented to academic audiences, the project team is working closely with a wide-ranging Advisory Panel to ensure the research is aligned with Muslim community needs and expectations. For more information go to: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research/explore/find-a-project/view/understanding-british-imams

Improving Understanding of Mental Health in British Muslim Communities

Muslims in Britain are less likely to be referred to mainstream services for mental health problems; when they do access services, their rates of improvement are low. In response to an identified need among practitioners to develop better understandings of Muslim experiences of mental health, the project team are developing a massive open online course (MOOC). Learners will explore some of the distinctive ways in which Muslims experience mental health and consider how they might provide more effective support.

The project team, led by Dr Asma Khan, includes expertise from Cardiff University’s Learning and Teaching Academy and is overseen by an advisory board made up of external and internal specialists. Once completed, the course will be submitted to the Royal College of Psychiatrists for accreditation; the cost of accreditation is generously funded by Cardiff University’s Civic Mission Fund. Contributors to the course will include local, national and international experts in the interdisciplinary field of Muslim Mental Health. Dr Asim Yusuf, Consultant Psychiatrist and classically trained Islamic scholar, is lead educator for the course. Other confirmed contributors include: Dr Abdallah Rothman; Diverse Cymru; Dr Roz Warden; and Jamilla Hekmoun.

The MOOC will be launched in May 2022 on the FutureLearn platform. Please see our sign-up page to register your interest https://bit.ly/FLMuslimMentalHealth

Filming Dr Asim Yusuf video contributions for the Understand Muslim Mental Health MOOC
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Clockwise from top left: Seherish Abrar along with Dave Wyatt of SHARE and Dave Horton of Action in Caeru and Ely (ACE). Centre Director Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray with HRH Price William in the COVID-delayed OBE Investiture at Windsor Castle on 9th November. Dr Mansur Ali filming for the British Islamic Medical Association’s Roadshow video on ‘Let’s Talk About Organ Donation’. Film shoot with South Wales Islamic Centre. Outdoor, COVID-compliant team meeting/social held in Hereford July 2021.
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