

BRUNEL LAW SCHOOL

Law, Religion and LGBT rights

*Revisiting Christian and Islamic legal
traditions regarding sexuality*

SPEAKERS:

Rt Revd Dr Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali
Former Bishop of Rochester
in the Church of England & OXTRAM

Mr Kamran Arif
HRCP, Pakistan

Dr Narine Ghazaryan
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Dr Vanja Hamzic
City University London

Prof Eric Heinze
Queen Mary University

Mr Tinku Ishtiaq
Trikone & IGLHRC, US

Prof Scott Siraj al-Haqq Kugle
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Mr Shanon Shah
King's College London

Dr Ahmed Shaheed
UN Special Rapporteur's on the
situation of human rights in the
Islamic Republic of Iran

Prof Stephen Whittle OBE
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Ms Farah Zeb
University of Exeter

Fri 5 July 2013
10.30 am- 7pm
**Day
Conference**

Eastern Gateway Auditorium

Brunel University Campus,
Kingston Lane, Uxbridge

Brunel academics & students: Free

Non-Brunel Academics : £20

Non Brunel students: £10

Public: £20

Price includes refreshments & lunch



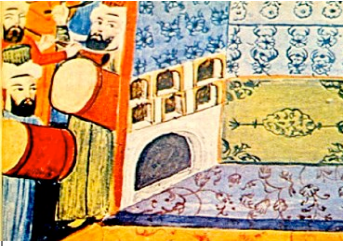
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PROGRAMME

9: 30am -10:15 am: Coffee/ Tea and Registration

10:15 am – 10.30am: Welcoming Address by Brunel Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Geoff J Rodgers

10:30am – 12:30pm

PANEL I- RELIGIONS, SEXUALITIES & LGBT RIGHTS

Chair: Prof Javaid Rehman, Brunel Law School, Brunel University

- **Rt Revd Dr Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali**, Former Bishop of Rochester in the Church of England, Director of the Oxford Centre For Training, Research, Advocacy And Dialogue(OXTRAD), 'Human Relationships, Marriage and Society'
- **Prof Robert Wintemute**, King's College London, 'Religion vs. Sexual Orientation: A Clash of Human Rights?'
- **Prof Stephen Whittle OBE**, Manchester Metropolitan University, 'The supremacy of article 9 of the ECHR; the right of LGBT people to practice a religion'
- **Dr Narine Ghazaryan**, Brunel University, 'Law and Sexuality in the European Christian tradition; the case of Armenia'

12: 30pm -2:00 am: Lunch break

2:00am – 4:00pm:

PANEL II- EMBRACING SEXUAL DIVERSITY IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

Chair: Dr Alexandra Xanthaki, Brunel Law School, Brunel University

- **Prof Eric Heinze**, Queen Mary University: 'Sex, Islam and Empire'
- **Prof Scott Siraj al-Haqq Kugle**, Emory University, US, 'Sexuality: the need for a new Fiqh (Islamic understanding)'
- **Prof Javaid Rehman**, Brunel University: 'Sexual and Gender Diversity in Islamic law: challenging orthodoxy within the Sharia'
- **Dr Vanja Hamzic**, City University London: 'On Muslim Sexual and Gender Diversity and Lifeworlds beyond the Legal Form'

4:00am – 4:15pm: Coffee/ Tea and refreshments break

4:15pm – 6:15pm:

PANEL III –EMPOWERMENT OF LGBT RIGHTS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD AND PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE

Chair: Prof Eric Heinze, Queen Mary University,

- **Mr Shanon Shah**, King's College London: 'Muslim sexual minorities in Malaysia: the social and political context'
- **Ms Farah Zeb**, University of Exeter: 'Theological and Legal Challenges in respect of Queer Muslim Women in Lebanon'
- **Mr Kamran Arif**, Co-Chair of Pakistan Human Rights Commission: '*Hijras* of Pakistan and legal reform'
- **Mr Tinku Ishtiaq**, Co-founder of Trikone & former Co-Chair of the IGLHRC, US: 'NGO activism and gay rights: lessons from Bangladesh'
- **Dr Eleni Polymenopoulou**, Brunel University: 'Queer debates at the United Nations: resolution 17/19 and reactions from the Muslim World'

6:15pm-6:30 pm : Conclusions

Prof Javaid Rehman, Brunel University & Dr Ahmed Shaheed, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

6:30pm-7:00pm : Drinks reception

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