Seminar Series

The Impact of Islamic Law on Modern Western Societies

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Tuesday 26 November 2013, 5.30 – 7.30pm

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Synopsis:
Sharia (Islamic law) continues to evoke fierce debate amongst politicians, media commentators, academics and the wider public in terms of its validity within the confines of a post-modernist world.

Has Sharia been clearly understood by its critics? Are Muslims being merely apologetic when reacting to their detractors? Is it fair to accuse Sharia of being incompatible with Western values and traditions? These are just some of the questions that will be explored attempting to distinguish between myth and reality.

Biography:
Dr Abdul B Shaikh

Dr Abdul Basit Shaikh is a tutor in Islamic Studies at the Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds. He teaches a variety of modules ranging from Islamic history and civilisation to Islamic law. In addition to this, he also teaches undergraduate students at the Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies department at the University of Leeds.

Dr Shaikh completed his PhD in 2011 from the University of Leeds focussing on comparative religions with special reference to the Abrahamic Faiths. He has 10 years of experience in research, training, advocacy and consultancy work at local, national and international level. Dr Shaikh’s book ‘Medieval and Modern Concepts of Creation in the Abrahamic Faiths’ is published by Lincom Europa.

Venue:
Centenary Gallery
Parkinson Building
University of Leeds
Leeds
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Refreshments will be available from 5.00pm

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