

## **Islam and the Challenges of Modernity**

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Do we understand the complex relationship between Islam and culture? Can Islam meet the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century modernity?

These six interactive sessions will examine the challenges facing Islam and Muslim communities in light of the principles of equality, diversity and integration. The controversy surrounding the application of Sharia law in Western societies will be examined to see whether British common law is actually under threat. The role of women in Islam and the challenges facing them will be assessed in light of tradition and modernity. We shall assess the impact of Islamophobia and consider what is required to combat it. The course will end with a debate on whether Islam is in need of radical reform or needs renewal in light of the founding values of the faith.

**Start date:** Wednesday 5 June and running every Wednesday for six weeks

**End date:** Wednesday 10 July

**Time:** 6.00 – 8.00pm

For full details of fees and how to register, please visit the Lifelong Learning Centre's website: <http://www.llc.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/spring-into-summer>.