In association with the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford

**Law, Religion and Social Order: Unpacking the Promise of Sharia**

Workshop

Friday 17th May 2013

Venue: Haldane Room, Wolfson College, Linton Road

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**9:20-9:30** Welcome

**Prof Denis Galligan**, *Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, CSLS*

**Dr Masooda Bano**, *University Research Lecturer, Oxford Department of International Development*

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**9:30-10:10** Comparing Sharia with the Modern Constitution

**Siraj Khan**, *Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law*

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**10:10-10:50** Invoking Sharia: The Case of the Muslim Brotherhood

**Hazem Kandil**, *University Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge*

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**10:50-11:10** Tea and Coffee

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**11:10-12:30** Panel 1: Sharia and Social Reform

**Dr Imane Chaara**, *Departmental Lecturer in Development Economics, Oxford Department of International Development*

*‘Pro-Women Legal Reform in Morocco: Is Religion an Obstacle?’*

**Tahrat Naushaba Shahid**, *DPhil Student, Department of Politics, University of Oxford*

*‘Shari’a-guided family laws in Bangladesh: The Impact of the Constitution’*
12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:10 Panel 2: Sharia and Economic Reform

Dr Adeel Malik, Research Fellow in Economics, Oxford Department of International Development
‘Is Middle East’s Economic Descent a Legal or Political Failure? Debating the Islamic Law Matters Thesis’

2:10-4:30 Panel 3: Who Interprets the Sharia?

2:10-2:50 Dr Thomas Pierret, Lecturer in Contemporary Islam, University of Edinburgh
‘Implementing "Sharia" in Syria's liberated areas’

2:50-3:00 Tea and Coffee

3:00-3:40 Prof Martin Lau, Reader in Law, School of Oriental and African Studies
‘Integrating Sharia in the Constitutional Law of Afghanistan and Pakistan: the highs and the lows’

3:40-4:20 Dr Masooda Bano
‘Al-Azhar and Interpretation of Sharia in the New Egyptian Constitution’

4:20-4:30 Concluding Remarks
Professor Deniz Kandiyoti, Professor in Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies