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## **Violence Against Minority Women and Girls in the UK Lessons for Europe**

Dr Hannana Siddiqui  
The Angelou Centre and Southall Black Sisters

13 September 2016, 14:15-16:00  
Örebro University  
Forum Building, Room F2240

*Dr Hannana Siddiqui* has worked on violence against black and minority women in the UK for over 30 years. Her wide range of work has included undertaking casework and expert reports (in which she has assisted over 10,000 women and their children) as well as media, campaigning, training/practice and policy advocacy on domestic violence, forced marriage, 'honour killings and 'honour' based violence, suicide and self-harm, immigration and asylum law, racism and religious fundamentalism.

Dr Siddiqui has been involved in several high profile cases of so called 'honour' killings, including those of Banaz Mahmod (2006-2007) and Surjit Athwal (1998-2008), and was an original member of the British Home Office Working Group on Forced Marriage (1999/2000). She also helped to establish the Government's Forced Marriage Unit and its policies (2000-2016), statutory and practice forced marriage guidance; survivor handbook (2002-2014), the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007, the police and Crown Prosecution Service strategies on forced marriage and HBV (2008-2015), and the Home Office strategy on violence against women and girls (2006 onwards).

Dr Siddiqui has also been at the forefront of fighting domestic violence against minority women and girls. As part of Southall Black Sisters, in 1992, she successfully campaigned for the release of Kiranjit Ahluwalia, a landmark case in which an Asian woman was convicted of the murder of her violent husband. The case reformed the law of provocation. Dr Siddiqui was also involved in the case of Zoora Shah, another battered and sexually abused woman who killed her partner (1993-2006). In addition, Dr Siddiqui led campaigns which have successfully reformed immigration law to help migrant women leave abusive relationships without the fear of deportation (1999/2002) or destitution (2012 and on-going). She is Chair of the Campaign to Reform No Recourse to Public Funds, which she also founded in 2006.

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