



**Department of World Religions and Culture, Dhaka University
Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue**

ISLAM, LOVE AND MARRIAGE: NEW CHOICES FOR A NEW WORLD

Dr Santi Rozario's research project, *The Challenge of Islam: Young Bangladeshis, Marriage and Family in Bangladesh and the UK*, is a study of how young Bangladeshi Muslims think about marriage and the family. It is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC, UK) and based at Cardiff University in the UK.

One of the main attractions of new versions of Islam is that they offer solutions to the problems faced by Muslim families in today's rapidly changing world. Santi and her colleagues have been studying how marriage and the family are changing among young Bangladeshi women and men, within and outside Bangladesh. They have also been studying relevant Islamic organisations, both through their writings and through interviews and participant observation.

With the research nearly concluded, they are presenting some of their results at this workshop, taking place at Dhaka University with the support of Professor Kazi Nurul Islam of the Department of World Religions and Culture, and hosted by the Department's Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Friday 7th January 2011, 10 a.m.-12 noon

**Venue: Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities,
Lecture Theatre, Room 423, Dhaka University**

PROGRAMME	
Chair: Prof Kazi Nurul Islam (Dhaka University)	
10-10.20 a.m.	Prof Geoffrey Samuel (Cardiff University) <i>Introduction to the Research project</i>
10.20-10.40 a.m.	Dr Santi Rozario (Cardiff University) <i>Islamic Marriage: A Haven in an Uncertain World</i>
10.40-11 a.m.	Mr Bulbul Ashraf Siddiqi (Cardiff University) <i>Love and Marriage: Case of The Tabligh-i Jama'at.</i>
11 a.m.-12 noon	Responses by Prof Firdous Azim (BRAC University), Prof Perween Hasan (Central Women's University) and Mrs Eva Sadia Saad (Dhaka University), followed by general discussion and refreshments

On **Saturday 8th January 2011, 4-7 p.m.**, there will be a public debate and social event in relation to the project at Papyrus Communications Limited. ASHOR, House-72, Floor-4th and 5th, Road-3, Block-3, Niketan, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, with the support of Mr Kazi Musfiqur Rahman. Refreshments will be served. Room is limited so if you would like to come please call Bulbul at 01711 206454 in advance.