

**Crimes of  
Violence and  
Honour:**



**Equality, Human  
Rights and the  
"Honour Code"**

**Doughty Street  
Chambers  
Monday 6th February  
2012  
6.00-8.00 pm.**

**AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**A distinguished panel of speakers\* will discuss:**

**What is the incidence of honour crimes in the UK and what are the causes?**

**Is "multiculturalism" as we know it to blame?**

**What is the role of religion in gender-related violence and honour crimes?**

**How do we understand the "codes of honour" in non-western cultural practice? Are there also echoes of "oppressive" honour codes in western culture and social history?**

**How can the law foster good race and community relations and at the same time ensure that the rights of all women are protected under human rights and equality law?**

**Is there a role for the "cultural defence" to honour-based violence in UK law?**

**How can governmental and non-governmental organisations ensure protection and foster human rights in the communities most affected?**

**\* Aileen McColgan ( Professor Kings College London, Matrix Chambers)**

**\* Pragna Patel (Activist, Southhall Black Sisters)**

**\* Jacqueline Rose ( Professor Queen Mary University of London, internationally acclaimed feminist theorist)**

**\* Jasvinder Sanghera ( Activist, co-founder of Karma Nirvana)**

*Brief Biographies Overleaf*

## Venue:

**Doughty Street  
Chambers**  
54 Doughty Street  
London WC1N 2LS

## Tickets:

£10 full-price

£5 students &  
unwaged

(price includes  
drinks & nibbles  
after the debate)

## Booking:

To reserve a place on the DLA debate, please send an email giving names and contact details of your attendees to:

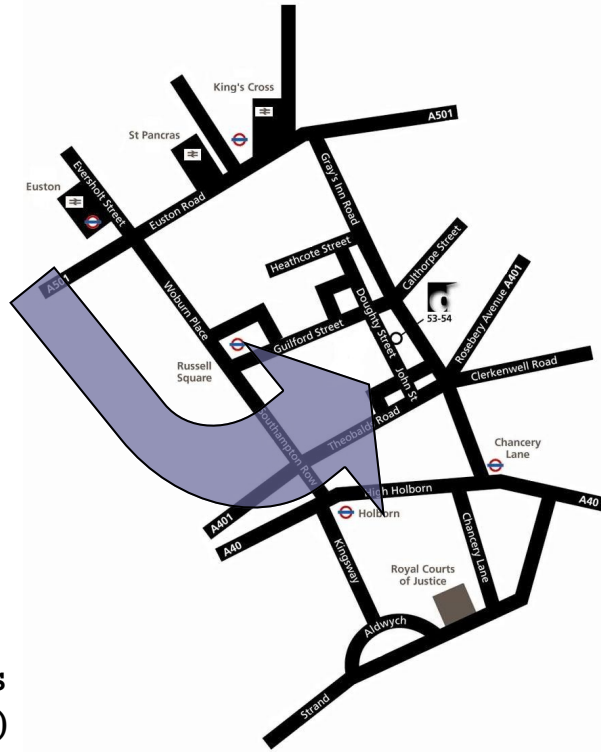
[events@discriminationlaw.org.uk](mailto:events@discriminationlaw.org.uk)

Payment on the door on the evening by cheque or cash.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the debate on 6th February - hope to see you there!

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## Panellists - brief biography details:

### Aileen McColgan

Aileen McColgan is Professor of Human Rights Law at King's College, London and a member of Matrix Chambers. She is the British expert on the EU Commission's network of gender equality legal experts and has been engaged in extensive research into discrimination and harassment at the European level. She acted as legal adviser to the Forum on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland in 2007-2008 and is Vice-President of the Institute of Employment Rights and on the Executive of the Human Rights Lawyers' Association. Aileen's practice as a barrister includes the recent intervention in the Supreme Court in *Jivraj v Hishani* [2011] 1 WLR 1872. She has a particular interest in religion/ equality cases. She has recently published a "Common Legal Problems" article on the tensions between multiculturalism and (gender) equality and is currently working on a book on equality for Hart 2012.

### Pragna Patel

Pragna Patel is a founding member of the Southall Black Sisters centre. She worked as a co-ordinator and senior case worker at SBS from 1982 to 1992, when she left to train as a solicitor. She briefly practised as a solicitor but remained actively involved in SBS and returned to work full time for SBS in 2009. She has over 28 years of experience in advocacy and casework, policy, training and campaigning work. She has been in the forefront of key case and campaigning milestones in the history of SBS and is also a founding member of *Women Against Fundamentalism*. She has written extensively on race, gender and religion.

### Jacqueline Rose

Jacqueline Rose is internationally known for her writing on feminism, psychoanalysis, literature and more recently on the politics and ideology of Israel-Palestine. A regular contributor to *The London Review of Books*, she wrote on honour killing for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue of 2009. She is a co-founder of *Independent Jewish Voices* in the UK and a Fellow of the British Academy, and teaches at Queen Mary University of London.

### Jasvinder Sanghera

A survivor of a forced marriage & founder of Karma Nirvana now a leading national Charity hosting the only national dedicated Helpline supporting victims and professionals in the UK that supports thousands every year. Author of 2 best-selling books *Shame*, *Daughters of Shame* now translated in over 5 languages. Recently published *Shame Travels*. Speaking at hundreds of national and international platforms, Jasvinder is received as an outstanding inspirational presenter that moves a complex subject into one which is clearly understood. Jasvinder speaks with conviction about her personal story and passionately about the realities of the issues.