

# BANGLADESHIS IN BRITAIN

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Brick Lane Circle's Fifth Annual Conference on the Story of Bangladesh & Bangladeshi People, at Home and in the Diaspora



**Saturday 25 April 2015, 11am-7.30pm, Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury St, E1 5HU**

The conference will explore a range of topics covering social, educational, political and economic development of the community since the creation of Bangladesh in 1971.

### 11.30pm – A short film on Historical Bengal Textiles in Britain (17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries)

**Dr Muhammad Ahmedullah.** He holds a PhD on Epistemology and Political Theory (University of Kent, UK). He has worked for many years in inner city regeneration programmes in the UK. Between May 2005 and June 2010 he has delivered a unique exhibition on Dhaka City in and around London. He is the secretary of Brick Lane Circle and his personal website is <http://www.culturalparadise.org>

### 12.00noon - The politics of pragmatism: the Bangladeshi community in Tower Hamlets

**Dr Ashraf Hoque (UCL).** He is a research associate at the Department of Anthropology (UCL) and is a member of the core research team of the UCL Democratic Cultures of South Asia project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). He has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in the UK and Bangladesh. His interests include the study of migration and diaspora, legal and political anthropology, and the anthropology of Islam.

### 1.20pm - Lunch break

### 1.50pm - British Bangladeshis - are we happy? Why does it matter?

An introduction to the concept of mental well-being and an exploration of potential challenges regarding the mental health of the British-Bangladeshi community.

**Dr Momotaj Islam.** She is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist working in the NHS for over 20 years. She completed her Clinical Doctorate in 2000 and doctorate research was on psychopathy, carried out at Broadmoor Psychiatric Hospital. She has undertaken many smaller research projects and clinical audits and specialises in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). In addition to her NHS work, Dr. Islam has been teaching and supervising trainee psychologists and CBT therapists in academic settings for the last ten years (mainly at University of Surrey). She has also started in private practice.

### 3.10pm - If only they would 'integrate': politics, policy and the Diaspora

**Dr Shamim Miah.** He is a senior lecturer at the University of Huddersfield. He is the author of *Muslims, Schooling and the Question of Self-Segregation* (Palgrave). Shamim is interested in the question of race, religion and public policy. His most recent research project on 'Grooming and the Question of Race' will be published in *Identities Papers: Journal of British and Irish Studies* (May 2015). He is currently researching the controversy surrounding the 'Trojan Horse' stories in relation to Muslims in state schools.

### 4.30pm - Tea / coffee break

### 4.40pm - Travelling through cultures: second generation British Bangladeshi Muslim young women's experiences of culture and religion

**Dr Shamea Y. Mia.** She completed her PhD in January 2015 (Goldsmiths' College, University of London) where she also studied for her BA (Hons.) and MA in Social Research. Her thesis was entitled: *Navigating Histories - An Exploration of Second Generation High Achieving British Bangladeshi Muslim Young Women Living in North-East London*. She is interested in the following research areas: intergenerational relationships, the family, migration and adaptation, diaspora and understandings of community, psychoanalysis, qualitative methods (ethnography; in-depth interviews; narrative analysis).

**All welcome! Free entry!**

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