# Britain’s Religious Courts: Marriage, Divorce and Civil Law

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Professor Gillian Douglas and Professor Norman Doe                                                 |
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Organisation and Operation of the Courts in the Study  
Professor Norman Doe and Dr Russell Sandberg  
*Respondent: Dr Prakash Shah* |
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The Hon. Mr Justice McFarlane  
‘Am I bothered?  
The Relevance of Religious Courts to a Civil Judge’  
*Chair: Honorary Professor Mark Hill QC* |
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Handling Marriage, Nullity and Divorce  
Professor Gillian Douglas  
*Respondent: Dr Samia Bano* |
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Professor Ian Leigh  
‘Religious Adjudication and Human Rights’  
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The Relationship between the Courts, Society and Civil Law  
Dr Sophie Gilliat-Ray and Asma Khan  
*Respondent: Ahmad Thomson*  
Panel Discussion |

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