

Seminar Programme

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration and refreshments*

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome address**

- **Kaly Kaul QC**, Circuit Judge

Morning sessions will have domestic context and will be moderated by **Neelam Sarkaria**.

09:15 – 09:45 Best practice on forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM (national context):
Developments in national law for protecting and supporting women who have suffered forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM (Focus 1)

- **Neelam Sarkaria**, barrister and Vice President of the Association of Women Barristers

09:45 – 11:00 Keynote speech: **The recent developments for protecting and supporting women who have suffered forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM including national law and policing (Focus 2)**

- **Hoda Ali**, FGM Safeguarding Trainer and Activist
- **Gerry Campbell**, former Deputy National Policing Lead for Forced Marriage, Honour Based Abuse and FGM, author and lecturer

11:00 – 11:30 *Refreshments break*

11:30 – 12:30 Case-law: **Analysis of legal developments to assist women who have suffered gender violence to give their evidence in court**

- **Felicity Gerry QC**, member of Advocacy Training Council, International commentator and legal writer, lecturer

12:30 – 13:00 **Case-law Q&As**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Afternoon sessions will have European context and will be moderated by **Stephen Hockman QC**.

14:00 – 15:00 Best practice on forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM (European context):
National legal framework and case-law on VAWG particularly forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM in Greece and Northern Ireland

- **Panos Alexandris**, Member of the CCBE Criminal Law Committee, Partner at KG Law Firm (Athens)
- **Melanie Rice BL**, The Bar of Northern Ireland

15:00 – 15:30 **Best practice on forced marriage, honour based abuse and FGM (European context) Q&As**

15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments break*

16:00 – 16:45 Keynote speech: **European legal framework applicable to cases of violence against women**

- **Dexter Dias QC**, human rights barrister, researcher at Harvard and visiting scholar at Cambridge University

16:45 – 17:30 **Closing address**

- **Nusrat Zamir**, Chadwell Heath Asian Women's Network

17:30 – 19:00 *Networking drinks reception*