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Biography

Dr Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor is Assistant Professor in Faith and Peaceful Relations in the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University. She specialises in how people engage with religion and with religious beliefs. Her work explores aspects such as personal experiences of religion, relations between different religions, the role of religion in healing communities and division, the unheard voices from minority religions, and those who don't have any religious belief or challenge all religions. She has a particular emphasis on Islam, Muslim women's experiences of faith, and inter-faith relations. Sariya is the Chair of the Muslims in Britain Research Network and is a Visiting Fellow at the Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai. She is the author of several reports and texts including: Muslim Women in Britain: Demystifying the Muslimah and Religion or Belief, Discrimination and Equality: Britain in Global Contexts. She has been working on a 3-year funded project that is examining Islam on Campus (exploring the narratives around Islam on university campuses, with regard to radicalisation, gender and inter-faith relations). Other projects include examining how religious minority students engage with university campuses in India, the evolution of religion during the 50 years since the release of Cat Stevens' song Peace Train, and adoption and foster care in Britain (drawing on her own personal experience as an adoptive parent).

Areas of Expertise

Diversity, Muslim Women, Inter-faith Relations, Religion, Islam, Atheism, Adoption, Religious Belief

Affiliations

British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group (SOCREL), CoramBAAF research group (Social Work), Muslims in Britain Research Network (MBRN)

Education

Rizvi College

Postgraduate Diploma Business Management

University of Bombay

BS Physics

University of Gloucestershire
PhD

Accomplishments

Outstanding Supervisor
2020 Coventry University

International Women's Day Honour List
2020 Coventry University for research on Muslim children in care

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