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**BUILDING A SHARED FUTURE: AN E-BOOK SERIES ON ISLAM IN THE US & EUROPE**

**20 June 2012** -- The British Council's Our Shared Future project and the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge have released a series of four e-books featuring commentary from leading global experts on Islam and Muslim intercultural relations.

Each book in the Building a Shared Future series addresses a different theme: "**The Power of Words and Images**," "**Citizenship and Identity**," "**Islam, Knowledge, and Innovation**," and "**Religion, Politics, and the Public Sphere**." The essays were written for a conference held in Cambridge in March 2012, "[Building a Shared Future: Rethinking Muslim/non-Muslim Relations](#)," which explored the deep connections between Muslim and non-Muslim societies in contemporary culture, the arts, humanities and science.

"Misperceptions and misinformation often dominate public dialogue about relations between Muslims and others. Although they don't speak with the loudest voice, academics, scholars and thought leaders have a key role to play in helping to rebalance these debates by providing fact-based opinion and informed arguments," write Our Shared Future project manager Emmanuel Kattan and Prof. Yasir Suleiman of the University of Cambridge in their introduction to the series.

Contributing authors include scholars, academics, journalists and civil society leaders from the US and Europe, such as Simon Kuper of *The Financial Times*, Mark Hammond of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Sheila B. Lalwani of *Foreign Policy*, Jocelyne Cesari of Harvard and Johns Hopkins Universities, and Shahed Amanullah of the U.S. Department of State.

The books are available free of charge in PDF form and also as ePUB and MOBI files, which can be read on Amazon Kindle, Android, Apple iOS, Barnes and Noble NOOK, Sony Reader, and other devices.

To download the books, visit the [Our Shared Future website](#) or the [Centre of Islamic Studies website](#).

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