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as signalled by members of the  
group**

**Trans-Jurisdictional Marriage and  
Family Reunification for Refugees in  
the United Kingdom, Prakash Shah,  
Queen Mary, University of London.**

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?  
abstract\\_id=1686114](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1686114)

**The latest issue of the Utrecht Law  
Review ( Volume 6, Issue 3,  
November 2010) with a Special on  
Eurocepticism and  
Multiculturalism is freely accessible  
at:**

[www.utrechtlawreview.org](http://www.utrechtlawreview.org)

**Religious Tribunals in Democratic  
States: Lessons from the Israeli  
Rabbinical Courts", Daphna Hacker,  
Tel-Aviv University.**

<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1691671>

**To Be or Not to Be Jewish: The UK  
Supreme Court Answers the  
Question", Susanna Mancini,  
University of Bologna, Johns Hopkins  
University -Bologna Center.**

<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1693127>

**ISLAM AND EDUCATION, Tahir Abbas' 4-volume  
edited collection now available from Routledge.**

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415478458/>

**Centre for Applied South Asian  
Studies (CASAS) news bulletin  
published here:**

<http://www.casas.org.uk/papers/law.html>

**The first issue of the Islamic Studies Network's biannual magazine has been  
released: 'Perspectives: teaching Islamic Studies' is now available to download  
as a PDF at:**

[http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/universitiesandcolleges/alldisplay?  
type=resources&newid=ourwork/islamicstudies/Perspectives\\_issue\\_1\\_Nov\\_2010&site=York](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/universitiesandcolleges/alldisplay?type=resources&newid=ourwork/islamicstudies/Perspectives_issue_1_Nov_2010&site=York)

**Latest news from the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity  
and Citizenship at the University of Bristol. Most recent  
news bulletin published here:**

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/ethnicity/documents/bulletin2010nov.pdf>

**Migrant  
Integration  
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The Migrant Integration Policy Index is a unique long-term project which evaluates and compares what governments are doing to promote the integration of migrants in all EU Member States and several non-EU countries. It uses over 100 policy indicators to create a rich, multi-dimensional picture of migrants' opportunities to participate in European societies. This site presents the results of the second edition of the MIPEX, covering six policy areas which shape a migrant's journey to full citizenship.

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**Pope criticises  
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Pope Benedict XVI has criticised a French law banning Muslim women from wearing the Islamic full-face veils in public, saying women should be able to wear them voluntarily, according to a book due out on Tuesday.

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**Copy of the  
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The decision validated the Act that prohibits the concealing of the face in public. Available in English.

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**Religious  
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French state  
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Muslim pupils and parents in France are increasingly making religious demands on the state school system that teachers should rebuff by explaining the country's secular principles, according to an official report.

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**German  
Integration  
Summit Delivers  
Little** [\(Back to Top\)](#)

The German chancellor is calling for greater accountability for all parties when it comes to pulling her country's immigrants from the margins to the center of society. But so far, Merkel's annual Integration Summit has failed to deliver the goods.

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**Equality  
Strategy (UK)** [\(Back to Top\)](#)

The Government has published its Equality Strategy. The Strategy sets out our vision for a strong, modern and fair Britain. It is built on two principles of equality – equal treatment and equal opportunity. This means building a society where no one is held back because of who they are, or where they come from.

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**Revealed: A  
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Two million husbands and wives are not lawfully married because of a Church of England blunder, it was revealed yesterday. Their church weddings are legally invalid because the vicars who married them used the wrong form of words, CofE lawyers admitted.

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**No faith in our  
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Muslims, Christians and Jews have all been united in their dissatisfaction with the legal system

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**Muslim woman  
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A Muslim woman has been awarded more than £13,500 after she was sacked for refusing to wear a headscarf at the estate agency where she worked.

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**Oklahoma  
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A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order on Monday to block a new amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution that would prohibit state courts from considering international or Islamic law when deciding cases.

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**Denmark: New rule puts permanent residency out of reach for most** [\(Back to Top\)](#)

Number of permanent residence permits tumble after points system implemented.

Only five foreigners have been granted permanent residency since June, when a points system replaced the old rule requiring only seven years of residency to qualify.

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**Permanent residence permit** [\(Back to Top\)](#)

If you have held a Danish temporary residence permit for at least four years, you can apply for a permanent residence permit. With a permanent residence permit, you no longer need to apply for an extension of your residence permit but can reside in Denmark for as long as you wish, provided you meet certain conditions.

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