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on

**“English Hegemony, Language Shift and Scriptural Homogenization – finding a Way Out”**

By

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**Date: 24-09-2018(Monday)**

**Time: 11:30 AM**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, School of Arts & Social Sciences Building**

**All the Students, Research Scholars, aculty and Staff are cordially invited**

**Abstract of the Lecture:** An increasing ubiquity of English in recent times has accentuated its inevitability at the cost of several Modern Indian Languages including Urdu. To address this problem several scholars opine that Homogenization of script may be useful in restoring the respective domains of MIL. This presentation intends to open the topic for further debate on the relevance or irrelevance of scripts of MILs in contemporary times.

**About the Speaker:** Rafia Kazim, a sociologist by training, has an M.Phil from Delhi School of Economics and Ph.D from IIT Madras. Her areas of interest are gender, language, education, Islamic jurisprudence, and sociology of cinema and everyday. She has worked on Muslim women’s rights, exploring the various ways in which the concept of empowerment for Muslim women is problematized through a juxtaposition of Islamist feminists and western, non-Islamist feminists. She has also worked on an international project on legal pluralism and Islamic jurisprudence. Her Ph.D uses an interdisciplinary approach (sociology and linguistics) to identify sociolinguistic factors that help promote the learning of English among Muslim women.



Dr. Kazim was selected as one of the two Fulbright participants from India for YSSW in 2007. Rafia Kazim, as part of her ICSSR post-doctoral fellowship in CSD is engaged in research on the impact of language planning on students’ scholastic performance.