

## **ESRC Festival of Social Science University of Sheffield**

### **School of Education**

#### **Event 3. Heavenly Readings: Literacy in the Mosque School**

Speaker: Dr. Andrey Rosowsky

**Tuesday 10th March 2009 – 5.00pm to 6.30pm**

**University of Sheffield, School of Education, 388 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2JA**

Getting on for a quarter of a million British schoolchildren attend daily a mosque to learn about Islam and, in particular, to learn how to read the Holy Qur'an. Such an intensive experience (two hours a day five days a week for up to six or seven years) leads to a literacy practice that has important implications for issues around identity, education and community. The talk will celebrate the achievements of these young people whilst drawing attention to both the tensions and the opportunities that stem from children learning how to read in different cultural and linguistic contexts.