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Maz's research focuses on violence against women and men in South-Asian communities including honour-based violence and forced marriages. He completed his PhD at Anglia Ruskin University on this subject.

He has published a number of academic articles on these subjects and has written for the *Criminal Law Review*, *Journal of Criminal Law*, *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* and the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*.

Taking a socio-legal approach to teaching and research, Maz covers contemporary topics such as the sentencing of defendants, the treatment of victims, and terrorism and the law, as well as forced marriages and honour-based violence.

In 2017, Maz was appointed trustee of The Elm Foundation and is conducting research with them around male victims of honour-based violence and forced marriages.

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Addressing the challenges facing UK male victims of honour-based violence (HBV) and forced marriage

Although the number of reported cases of honour-based violence, forced marriage and FGM has increased by 53% since 2014, only 5% of cases are referred to the Crown Prosecution Service. There is also a worrying trend amongst male victims, who, feeling let down by the system, are increasingly failing to report abuse crimes. This can often lead to depression and, in some cases, suicide.

A paucity of research around the experiences of male victims led Dr Maz Idriss to investigate the challenges faced by the police, lawyers, support agencies, and crucially, the survivors, in understanding the different types of intervention required. As a result, Manchester Law School launched the HBV Roadshow in 2018 – a series of engaged community events across the UK bringing together different agencies to develop local initiatives in tackling the issues. In July, Virendra Sharma MP hosted a Roadshow event in the House of Commons, and a Final Report containing the Roadshow's findings was published in November.

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