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One Law for All and the National Secular Society held a successful debate on sharia law at the House of Commons on Tuesday 28 June 2011 chaired by Jim Fitzpatrick MP. One Law for All co-spokespersons Maryam Namazie and Anne Marie Waters spoke against sharia law and called for an end to its practice under the Arbitration Act 1996, while Aina Khan, a sharia lawyer, and Omer El-Hamdoon, President of the Muslim Association of Britain, spoke in favour. Keith Porteous Wood, Executive Director of the National Secular Society made closing remarks.

The event was over-subscribed and the audience included members of both houses of Parliament, journalists, and representatives of women's rights and other groups. Prior to the debate, The NSS and One Law for All wrote jointly to every MP and Peer and included a copy of One Law for All's report entitled '[Sharia Law in Britain; A Threat to One Law for All and Equal Rights.](#)'

You can find audio links to the debate [here](#). A follow-up meeting will be arranged to accommodate greater audience numbers.