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Best-Selling Author Irshad Manji to speak at UWO *Calling the Obama Generation: Courage in a Time of Corruption*

LONDON, ON: The University Students' Council proudly presents best-selling author Irshad Manji speaking on April 1st, 2009 at Alumni Hall at The University of Western Ontario.

Irshad Manji was born and raised in Canada and is the Director of the Moral Courage Project at New York University. The World Economic Forum has selected Irshad Manji a Young Global Leader and she has also been featured on major platforms such as CNN, *The New York Times*, and CBC Radio. Irshad is most well known for her internationally best-selling book, *Trouble with Islam Today: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith*. She has also received the first annual Chutzpah Award for "audacity, nerve, boldness and conviction" from Oprah Winfrey.

"Irshad Manji's speech is part of a series of social justice themed activities sponsored by the USC's Student Life Department throughout the month of March," says Mark Wellington, Manager of Student Life. These activities include an NGO/NPO Information Fair which occurred on March 5th in the University Community Centre, and *Compassion in Action*, a conference for undergraduate and high school students focusing on a range of issues pertaining to international affairs, genocide, gender issues, and the environment which is taking place on March 27th.

"We are excited to extend this invitation to hear Irshad Manji speak to the London community, staff, faculty, and our students," Wellington said.

Tickets can be purchased at the InfoSource on the main floor of the University Community Centre or online by visiting www.irshad-western.ca. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for general admission. Doors will open at 6 PM and the presentation will begin at 7 PM.

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