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About BRISMES

The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) was established in 1973 to encourage and promote the study of the Middle East in the United Kingdom. It brings together teachers, researchers, students, diplomats, journalists and others who deal professionally with the Middle East.

At the national level, the Society cooperates with other bodies promoting Middle Eastern studies to impress on national, governmental and university bodies the importance of safeguarding and expanding Middle Eastern studies. It also plays a consultative role to the UK's higher education and research funding bodies.

BRISMES' international links make it the foremost channel through which scholars outside of Britain may create co-operative links with UK-based researchers. Links between BRISMES and Middle East Studies associations overseas are constantly being expanded (as is our international membership). BRISMES is also an active member of the European Association of Middle Eastern Studies (EURAMES).

In 2008, BRISMES received British Academy funding under the BASIS programme and established a series of research networks: 'Resistance, Representation and Identity' and 'Domination, Expression and Liberation' (later united to form 'People Power and State Power'), 'Faith, Politics and Society' and 'Critical Middle East Studies'. The networks continue to provide a platform to unite scholars with similar research interests.

The BRISMES Annual Conference is the largest annual gathering of Middle East experts in Europe. The 2017 conference is held at the University of Edinburgh on 5 – 7 July 2017, with the theme of 'Movement and Migration in the Middle East: People and Ideas in Flux.' The Society also holds an Annual Lecture, makes an annual award for services to Middle Eastern Studies, and provides scholarships and prizes to postgraduate students of the Middle East at UK universities.

Benefits of Membership

- A substantial discount on the fee for the Annual Conference and other BRISMES events.
- Receipt of four issues per year of the British Journal for Middle Eastern Studies by post and access to the journal online.
- Receipt of regular e-newsletters detailing news and opportunities in Middle Eastern Studies, as well as upcoming MENA-related events throughout the UK.
- For student members, the opportunity to apply for the Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah Scholarships.
- The opportunity to publicise events and jobs in our Featured listings.
- For full BRISMES members (Fellows), the opportunity to act as trustees and vote in the AGM.
- Free publicity for news related to your academic research or institution (eg. newly published books, awards won) through the BRISMES newsletter and on BRISMES social media platforms.

How to Join

Membership is open to all with an interest in the Middle East regardless of profession or nationality – indeed regardless of where in the world you are based.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.brismes.ac.uk/membership, or email Louise Haysey at louise.haysey@brismes.org.

Events Calendar and Jobs Page

BRISMES' online calendar for MENA events and jobs page for MENA-related opportunities can be found at www.brismes.ac.uk/calendar.

It is free to upload jobs and events or to browse what's on and opportunities in your area!

The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (BJMES)

BRISMES members receive all issues of the Journal by post (four per year) and also have online access via the members only section of the BRISMES website. If you would like to contribute to the journal, information is available at www.brismes.ac.uk/publications/the-british-journal-of-middle-eastern-studies.

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Our active student section holds independent events, and a student section initiative also runs *New Middle East Studies*, an e-journal available from the BRISMES website. The student section is led by Emman El-Badawy.

Past BRISMES Presidents

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The BRISMES Annual Lecture

Every year, BRISMES organises a lecture from a distinguished scholar or expert within the field of Middle Eastern Studies.

- 2016 **Hisham Matar**
After the Revolutions: Arab Memory and Bewilderment
- 2015 **Eugene Rogan**
Beirut on the Stage: The Ottoman Great War in Four Acts
- 2014 **Jack Straw**
The Future of British Foreign Policy in the Middle East
- 2013 **Sami Zubaida**
The Quest for Cultural Authenticity and the Politics of Identity

- 2012 **Haleh Afshar**
Islam and the Politics of Resistance: The Case of Women in Iran.
- 2011 **Baghat Kourani**
Middle East Exceptionalism: Ended or Dented? *Joint lecture with CASAW.*
- 2010 **Patrick Seale**
America's War Against Islam
- 2009 **Roger Owen**
British and French Military Intelligence in Syria and Palestine, 1914-18
- 2008 **Yasir Suleiman**
Arabic and I
- 2007 **Clive Holes**
From Suez to Iraq via Jimmy and Diga: Arabic Popular Poetry as a Form of Free Speech

- 2007 **Ruud Peters**
Shari'a Criminal Law and Human Rights: Can They Be Reconciled? *Special summer lecture.*
- 2006 **Carole Hillenbrand**
Images of Saladin, Past and Present
- 2005 **Charles Tripp**
Show Trials in Iraq: Theatres of Power
- 2004 **Philip Robins**
Top Hat and Crescent: Dualism Reconciled in Turkey's Foreign Relations
- 2003 **Roger Owen**
Biography and Empire: Lord Cromer (1841-1917) Then and Now
- 2002 **Tony Allan**
Water, Food and Trade in the Middle East: Virtual Water Eliminates Water Wars?

- 2001 **Fred Halliday**
11 September 2001 and the Study of International Relations
- 2000 **James Craig**
A Life with the Arabs

BRISMES Annual Conference

BRISMES brings together those professionally involved in the Middle East to promote Middle Eastern Studies in the UK, and the BRISMES conference is the largest and most prestigious annual UK gathering of scholars and practitioners focussed on the region.

At the event, BRISMES invites researchers from all disciplines to explore that year's theme – or to present any aspect of their Middle East Studies research. The conference moves around the country as it is hosted by a different UK university every year.

Publishers' Exhibition

The BRISMES Publishers' Exhibition runs every year alongside the conference panels. It is an opportunity for publishers to connect with Middle East experts and practitioners from around the world and share information, publications and other materials.

2017 – Movement and Migration in the Middle East: People and Ideas in Flux

Host **IMES, University of Edinburgh**

Plenaries Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila, University of Edinburgh
Laurie Brand, University of Southern California

2016 – Networks: Connecting the Middle East through Time, Space and Cyberspace

Host **University of Wales Trinity St David**

Plenary Grahame Davies
The Dragon and the Crescent

2015 – Liberation

Host **London School of Economics, Middle East Centre**

Plenaries Peter Sluglett, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
Tahrir and What We're Still Waiting For
Shereen El Feki
Liberation in the Bedroom? The Shifting Sexual Landscape of the Arab Region

2014 – The Middle East in Global Perspective: Interactions Across Time and Space

Host **University of Sussex**

Plenaries Professor Marilyn Booth, University of Edinburgh and Professor Mark Sedgwick, University of Aarhus
The Middle East in Global Perspective I
Professor Francis Robinson, University of Oxford and Dr Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge
The Middle East in Global Perspective II
Professor Asef Bayat (University of Illinois)
After the Arab Spring

2013 – Popular Movements in the Middle East and Islamic World

Host **University College, Dublin**

Plenaries Eamon Gilmore, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
Ireland, Europe and the Middle East

2012 – Revolution and Revolt: Understanding the Forms and Causes of Change

Host **London School of Economics, Middle East Centre**

Plenaries Professor Ghassan Salamé, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA)
Revolution and Revolt: Understanding the Forms and Causes of Change in the Arab World
Rt Hon William Hague MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
International Policy Responses to Change in the Arab World

2011 – The Middle East: Aspirations and Challenges

Host University of Exeter

Plenaries Professor Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter
The Expert's Defining Moment: The Revolutionary Middle East 2011

Professor Paul Starkey, Durham University
The Novelist as Political Guide: Sun'Allah Ibrahim and the Egyptian Revolution (Pearson Memorial Lecture)

2010 – Third World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Barcelona**2009 – Frontiers: Space, Separation and Contact in the Middle East**

Host University of Manchester

Plenaries Professor Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth College
Theory of Limits: Transgressing the Boundaries of Traditional Religiosity

Roundtable with the BBC, Al-Jazeera and German State Television (ARD).

Roundtable bringing together academics and analysts from the FCO.

2008 – Mapping Middle Eastern and North African Diasporas

Host University of Leeds

Plenaries Professor Kim Knott, University of Leeds
Professor Michael W. Suleiman, Kansas State University

2008 (special conference) – What Has the Middle East Done for Us?

Host SOAS

2007 – EURAMES Conference in Freiburg**2006 – Faith, Politics and Society**

Host University of Birmingham

Plenaries Professor Jørgen Nielsen

2005 – Renaissance, Representation and Identity

Host Durham University

Plenaries Professor Fred Halliday
Professor Robert Hillenbrand
Sir Harold Walker

2004 – Domination, Expression and Liberation in the Middle East

Host SOAS

Plenaries Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Former British Ambassador to the United Nations

Roger Owen (also the Annual Lecture)
Biography and Empire: Lord Cromer (1841-1917) Then and Now

Nader Fergany, Director of the Almishkat Centre for Research, Egypt

Robert Malley, Director of the Middle East Programme, International Crisis Group

2003 – Education as a Force for Change?

Host University of Exeter

Plenaries Tariq Ali
America's Moment in the Middle East

Jonathan Berkey, Davidson College, North Carolina
Education as a Force for Change: A Medievalist's Reflection on a Modern Problem

Heads of Departments of Middle East Studies in the UK
Middle East Studies in the UK

2002 – First World Congress for Middle Eastern StudiesHost **University of Mainz**Plenaries HRH Prince Hassan Bin Talal
*The Inter-religious Dialogue after 9/11*Professor Dimitri Gutas, Yale University
*Arabic Philosophy in the 20th Century and Beyond*Lord Hurd, former British Foreign Secretary.
*Speaker at the conference dinner.***2001 – The View from the Top: State and People in the Middle East and North Africa**Host **University of Edinburgh**Plenaries Dr Sami Zubaida, Birkbeck, University of London
*Citizen and Community in Middle Eastern Politics***1999 – EURAMES conference in Ghent****1998 – Religion and Pluralism**Host **Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham**Plenaries Professor Mahmoud Ayoub, Temple University, Philadelphia
*Qur'anic Bases for Concepts of Religious Pluralism*Professor Keith Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford
*Religious Foundations of Pluralism***2000 – Writing the Middle East**Host **University of Cambridge**Plenaries Professor Josef Van Ess, University of Tübingen
*Political Theory in Early Muslim Theological Thinking*Professor Douglas Johnston, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC
*Christian Initiatives in the Arena of Communal and Political Reconciliation*Sir Marrack Goulding, formerly of the United Nations, and Warden of St Antony's College, University of Oxford.
*Speaker at the conference dinner.***1997 – Re-Thinking Islam**Host **University of Oxford**Plenaries Michael Bonner, University of Michigan
Rudolph Peters, University of Amsterdam
*Re-Thinking Islam: Jihad*Derek Fatchett MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs responsible for Asia and the Middle East
*Speaker at the conference dinner.***1996 – EURAMES conference in Aix-en-Provence****1995 – The Middle East and the Environment**Host **Durham University**Plenaries Dr Mundhir Abdul Salam, UNESCWA
Dr Clive Agnew, University College London

BRISMES Award for Services to Middle Eastern Studies

This is an honorary award, established in 2000 by the BRISMES Council. It is presented annually for outstanding services to Middle Eastern Studies.

- 2016 Sir Roger Tomkys
- 2015 Professor Carole Hillenbrand
- 2014 Professor Ian Netton
- 2013 Alastair Newton
- 2012 Professor The Baroness Haleh Afshar
- 2011 Sir Harold Walker
- 2010 Patrick Seale
- 2009 Professor Roger Owen
- 2008 Professor Fred Halliday
- 2007 Professor Edmund Bosworth

- 2006 Professor Harry Norris
- 2005 Professor Geoffrey Lewis
- 2004 Professor Ann Lambton
- 2003 Dr Derek Hopwood
- 2002 Professor William Montgomery Watt
- 2001 HH Dr Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi

Leigh Douglas Memorial Prize

The Leigh Douglas Memorial Prize was established jointly in 1986 by the Leigh Douglas Memorial Fund and BRISMES, in memory of Dr Leigh Douglas who was killed in Beirut in 1986. It is awarded annually to the writer of the best PhD dissertation in the previous year on a Middle Eastern topic in the Social Sciences or Humanities.

- 2016 Dorthe Engelcke, University of Oxford
Processes of Family Law Reform: Legal and Societal Change and Continuity in Morocco and Jordan
Carl Rommel, SOAS
Revolution, Play and Feeling: Assembling Emotionality, National Subjectivity and Football in Cairo, 1990-2013
Runner-up: Maayan Geva, Open University
The Politics of How Law Works in War: The Case of the Israeli Military International Law Department

Runner-up: Jamil Mouawad, SOAS
The Negotiated State: State–Society Relations In Lebanon

Honourable mention: Ceren Lord, LSE
Rethinking Religio-Politics in Turkey through the Prism of Religious Majoritarianism

- 2015 Jamal Bahmad, University of Stirling
Casablanca Belongs to Us: Globalisation, Everyday Life and Postcolonial Subjectivity in Moroccan Cinema Since the 1990s
Perla Issa, University of Exeter
Palestinian Political Factions: An Everyday Perspective
Jessica Watkins, King's College London
Policing Disputes: Power and Social Order in Jordan
Hussein Alqarni, University of Manchester
Negotiating Abbasid Modernity: The Case of Al-Asma'i and the Rearguard Poets

- 2014 Chikara Hashimoto, Aberystwyth University
British Intelligence, Counter-Subversion and 'Informal Empire' in the Middle East
Nahid Siamdost, University of Oxford
Iran's Troubled Tunes: Music as Politics in the Islamic Republic
Kyle Haddad-Fonda, University of Oxford
Revolutionary Allies: Sino-Egyptian and Sino-Algerian Relations in the Bandung Decade
Fabian Stremmel, SOAS
Changing Approaches and New Structures: German Cultural Diplomacy in Syria and Lebanon during the Late Kaiserreich up to 1918
- 2013 Francesca Burke, University of Oxford
Students of Resistance: Palestinian Student Mobilisation at Home and in Exile
- Jorg Matthias Detterman, SOAS
Globalisation, the State and Narrative Plurality: Historiography in Saudi Arabia
Honourable mention: Rebecca Steinfeld, University of Oxford
War of the Wombs: The History and Politics of Fertility Policies in Israel, 1948-2010
Honourable mention: Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, University of Oxford
The Emergence of Iranian Nationalism: Modernity and the Politics of Dislocation 1860-1940
- 2012 Farah Al-Nakib, SOAS
Kuwait City: Urbanisation, the Built Environment, and the Urban Experience Before and After Oil (1716-1986)
Noam Leshem, Birkbeck, University of London
Taking Place: Spatial History in Israel and the Case of Salama/Kefar Shalem
- Runner-up: Sophie Richter-Devroe, University of Exeter
Gender and Conflict Transformation in Palestine: Women's Political Activism Between Local and International Agendas
Honourable mention: Amara Thornton, University College London
British Archaeologists, Social Networks and the Emergence of a Profession: The Social History of British Archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East 1870-1939
Honourable mention: Reem Abou-El-Fadl, University of Oxford
Divergent Pasts, Diverging Choices: Foreign Policy and Nation Building in Turkey and Egypt during the 1950s
- 2011 Elvire Corboz, University of Oxford
Negotiating Loyalty Across the Shi'i World: The Transnational Authority of the al-Hakim and al-Khu'i Families
- Abdel Razzaq Takriti, University of Oxford
Revolution and Absolutism: Oman 1965-1976
Honourable mention: Laetitia Nanquette, SOAS
The Eye Sees Not Itself? Mutual Images of France and Iran Through Their Literatures (1979-2009)
- 2010 Daniel Neep, SOAS
Colonising Violence: Space, Insurgency and Subjectivity in French Mandate Syria
Avi Raz, University of Oxford
The Palestine Option: Israel and the West Bank Leadership, 1967-1969
- 2009 Mark Dickens, University of Cambridge
Türkâyé: Turkic Peoples in Syriac Literature Prior to the Seljüks
Abeer Abdullah A. Al-Abbasi, University of Leeds
Astrology in Literature: How the Prohibited Became Permissible in the Arabic Poetry of the Mediaeval Period

- 2008 W. Judson Dorman, SOAS
The Politics of Neglect: The Egyptian State in Cairo, 1974-98

Maria Petsani, Durham University
The Dhabih Allah as Metaphor for Self-Submission: A Critical Reassessment of the Sacrifice Narrative in Q. 37:99-113

Shahira S. Samy, University of Exeter
The Politics of Reparations in the Case of Palestinian Refugees: a Comparative Approach
- 2007 The prize was not awarded in 2007.
- 2006 Fabio Caiani, University of St Andrews
Innovation in the Novels of Muhammad Barrada, Idwar al-Kharrat, Ilyas Khuri and Fu'ad al-Takarli: 1979-1999

Jennifer Dueck, University of Oxford
Competing for Culture in a Levantine Mosaic: Oeuvres de Propagande in Syria and Lebanon, 1936-1946

- 2005 Konrad Hirschler, SOAS
Narrating the Past: Social Contexts and Literary Structures of Arabic Historical Writing in the Seventh/Thirteenth Century

Honourable mention: Simon O'Meara, University of Leeds
An Architectural Investigation of Marinid and Wattasid Fes Medina (674-961/1276-1554), in terms of Gender, Legend and Law
- 2004 The prize was not awarded in 2004.
- 2003 Paul Newson, University of Leicester
Settlement, Land Use and Water Management Systems in Roman Arabia: An Integrated Archaeological Approach

Nicola Pratt, University of Exeter
Globalisation and the Post-Colonial State: Human Rights NGOs and the Prospects for Democratic Governance in Egypt

- Honourable mention: James McDougall, University of Oxford
Colonial Words: Nationalism, Islam and Languages of History in Algeria

Honourable mention: Martin Whittingham, University of Edinburgh
Al-Ghazali and Qur'anic Hermeneutics
- 2002 James Onley, University of Oxford
The Infrastructure of Informal Empire: a Study of Britain's Native Agency in Bahrain, c. 1816-1900

Honourable mention: Cigdem Recep, University of Manchester
The Register of the Law Court of Istanbul 1612-1613: a Legal Analysis
- 2001 Ahmed Abdul-Kareem Saif, University of Exeter
A Legislature in Transition: The Parliament of the Republic of Yemen 1990-1999
- Honourable mention: Anthony B. Toth, University of Oxford
The Transformation of a Pastoral Economy: Bedouin and States in Northern Arabia 1850-1950

Honourable mention: Francine Stone, University of Manchester
Tihamah Gazetteer: The Southern Red Sea Coast of Arabia to 923/1517
- 2000 William Donaldson, University of Edinburgh
Sharecropping in the Yemen: A Study in Islamic Theory, Custom and Pragmatism.

MA Scholarship

In 2000 BRISMES introduced an MA scholarship for taught Masters study at a UK institution. Recipients were:

- 2010 Katerina Goetze, University of Oxford
- 2009 Chris Moses, University of Oxford
- 2007 Set Anzisca, University of Oxford
- 2005 Katharina Kieslich, University of Exeter
- 2004 Fatima Katergi, University of Manchester
- 2002 Ben White, University of Oxford
- 2001 Alessio Loretto, SOAS

Research Awards

BRISMES has also given out Research Awards to postgraduate research students based in the UK working on a Middle Eastern studies topic. The winners and the topics of their studies are listed below:

- 2012 Khalil Ibrahim al-Anany, Durham University
The Sacred in Transition: The Transformation of Islamist Movements in Egypt
- Leen Al Habash, University of Exeter
Civil Society in Syria: State-Society Power Relations
- Larissa Alles, University of Exeter
Political Development in Yemen over the Last Twenty Years
- Caelum Moffatt, Durham University
Exploring Hizbullah's Habitus: Managing the Creation and Reproduction of Resistance Ideology Within and Between Different Fields of Practice
- Nora Parr, SOAS
Intertextuality in Palestinian Literature: Novel Formulations of Nation-ness

- 2009 Hanan Toukan, SOAS
International Donors, Local Organisations and the Politics of Cultural Production in Lebanon
- Shadaab Rahemtulla, University of Oxford
Internal Politics of an Islamic University
- 2008 Hilary Kalmbach, University of Oxford
The Dar al 'Ulum Teacher Training College in Early Twentieth Century Cairo
- Andrew Patrick, University of Manchester
The King-Crane Commission of 1919 and the Early Discursive Formation of Relations Between Greater Syria and the US
- Henry Newman, London School of Economics
Research on twentieth century Sunni/Shi'a relations, primarily in the Middle East, examining ecumenical dialogues and the construction of religious communities.
- 2007 Shahram Kholdi, University of Manchester
Politics of Memory in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Competing Narratives and Contested Memories
- Sophie Richter-Devroe, University of Lancaster
Gender and Conflict Resolution in Palestine: Peacemakers or Freedom Fighters
- 2006 Una McGahern, Durham University
The Christian Arabs of Nazareth: Israeli State Policy and its Consequences for Intra-Arab Relations
- Adel Takriti, University of Oxford
Dhofar Revolution (1965-1975)
- Alex Mallett, University of Edinburgh
Reynald of Chatillon's Personality in Writings
- 2005 Adriana de Miranda, SOAS
Water Architecture in the Lands of Syria
- Efsevia Lasithiotaki, University of Exeter
The Greek Speaking Community of Hamidiye and Mina
- 2004 Maha Samman Mansour, University of Exeter
Final Status Issues of the Middle East Peace Process

- 2003 Fatma Marii, University College London
The Significance of Glass Finds from a Range of Ecclesiastical Buildings in and around Petra
- 2003 Jocelyn Kimmel, University College London
Charaterisation and Conservation of Cairene Qamariyyat.
- Wan Kamal Mujani, University of Manchester
The Economic Decline of Circassian Mamluks (872-922/1468/1517)
- 2002 Jamshid Gaziyevev, Durham University
The Ferghana Valley in Central Asia
- Mezna M. Qato, University of Cambridge
Narrating the Catastrophic: Counter-Nationalism and Palestinian Historiography, c. 1948-1961
- Gabriele Marranci, Queen's University Belfast
The Athan among the Bells: Muslim Immigrants in Northern Ireland
- 2001 Fabio Caiani, University of St Andrews
The Innovative Narrative Methods Introduced in the Arabic Novel since the late 1970s
- Hendrick Jan Kraetzschmar, London School of Economics
The Impact of Electoral Legislation on Part System Development under Conditions of State-Controlled Political Liberalisation
- Letizia Osti, University of Exeter
Intellectual Portraits of Late Ninth / Early Tenth Century Baghdad
- 2000 Maria Holt, University of Exeter
Women, Islam and Violence
- James Hartley, University of Exeter
Research surrounding the sources of Anglo-American foreign policies targeted at the region. How can that foreign policy be improved so that it is more appropriate and sensitive to the Middle East itself?

Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah/ BRISMES Scholarships

Two awards of £2000 are given annually to students studying for a postgraduate qualification in Middle East studies in the UK. Recipients are:

- 2016 Maria Kramer, London School of Economics
The Medicalisation of Consanguineous Marriage in Contemporary Turkey
- Max Gallen, London School of Economics
Smugglers and States – A Political Economy of Illegal Trade in the Middle East and North Africa
- 2015 José Ciro Martínez, University of Cambridge
The Politics of Bread: Neoliberal Economic Reforms and Authoritarian Persistence in Contemporary Jordan and Morocco
- Rosemary Maxton, University of Cambridge
Sulaymān al-Ghazzī: A Voice of Resistance in a Time of Religious Persecution?
- 2014 Gizem Tongo, University of Oxford
Ottoman Art and Artists during the First World War
- Kawther Alfasi, University of Warwick
Political Participation Under Authoritarianism: The Case of Libya
- 2013 Christopher Poonian, University of Nottingham
The Loss of Traditional Bedouin Culture and its Implications for Coastal Resource Management in South Sinai
- Lana Tatour, University of Warwick
Transnational Dimensions of Palestinian Resistance in Israel

- 2011 Walead Mosaad, University of Exeter
The Life and Writings of Ahmad Al-Dardir: A Study of Islamic Scholarship, Learning, and Social History in the Early Modern Era
- 2012 Mike Farquhar, London School of Economics
Research on the social history and cultural politics of transnational circuits of Muslim scholars and students who for centuries have travelled from around the world to teach and undertake religious studies in the Hijaz.
- 2011 Sertac Sehlkiloglu-Karakas, University of Cambridge
Agency, Enjoyment and Desire in Daily Lives of Pious Muslim Women: Veiled Customers of Women-Only Gyms in Istanbul
- 2010 Marwa Sharafeddin, Oxford University
Personal Status Law Reform in Egypt: Women's Rights and NGOs Navigating between Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law
- Justa Hopma, University of Aberystwyth
How are Local Food Consumption Practices in Cairo Affected by Regional Food Politics?
- Sharri Plonski, SOAS
Research on how a subjugated and marginalised ethno-national minority impacts inequitable structures and power relations in an ethnically exclusive state.
- Matthias Determann, SOAS
Contemporary Historiography in Saudi Arabia
- Denis Volkov, University of Manchester
Orientalist Scholarship and Foreign Policy in late Tsarist Russia and the early USSR: Russian/Soviet 'Iranology' and Russo-Iranian Relations 1900-1941

- 2009 Henry Newman, London School of Economics
Analysis of attempts by Arab and Persian Shia Muslims to conceptualise Sunnis as fellow Muslims (in contraction to their previous status as heretics), and the Shia's attempts to close the schism between Sunnism and Shiism.
- 2006 Elizabeth Saleh, Goldsmith's College
Families of the Lebanese Vine: The Kinship - Land Nexus
- Elvire Corboz, University of Oxford
The Transnational Linkages between Iraqi Shi'a and Iran
- Sabine El Chamaa, Goldsmith's College
The Manufacture of the War Narrative
- 2008 Nadia von Maltzahn, University of Oxford
The Role of Culture in Syrian-Iranian Relations since 1979
- Toby Matthiesen, SOAS
Sectarianism, Collective Identity and Transnationalism: The Shi'is of Saudi Arabia
- 2007 Alex Mallett, University of Edinburgh
Interpretations in Medieval Chronicles of the Death of the Crusader Raynald of Shatillon

Undergraduate Essay Competition

The Undergraduate Essay Prize has recently been re-launched. It is awarded to the best undergraduate essay in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies submitted by a student's supervisor. The winning essay will be distributed to all members of BRISMES.

- 2009 Nadia El-Anis, University of Leeds
Muslim Women and the Veil with Special Reference to the West
- 2008 Andrew Wilcox, University of Exeter
The Dual Mystical Concepts of Fana' and Baqa' in Early Sufism
- 2007 James Kaye, Durham University
How Successful were the Ottomans in Resisting the Safavid Challenge to their Authority in Anatolia during the Sixteenth Century?

Graduate Essay Competition

The winning article each year is considered for publication in the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, subject to the usual peer-review process.

- 2009 Ahmad Khan, University of Edinburgh
Ibn Qutayba and the Proto-Sunni Traditionalist Movement in the 9th Century
- 2008 Margaret Graves, University of Edinburgh
Visual Culture as Historical Document: Sir John Drummon Hay and the Nineteenth Century Moroccan Pottery in the National Museum of Scotland
- 2007 Hilary Kalmbach, University of Oxford
Social and Religious Change in Damascus: One Case of Female Islamic Religious Authority

Joint Conferences with MENA Universities

April 2015 – Relocating Middle East Studies: New Geographies of Discourse

- Host **American University in Dubai**
- Plenaries Dr Joseph Massad, Columbia University
How Not to Study Women and Gender in the Muslim World
- Dr Gary R Bunt, University of Wales Trinity St David
Interpreting Cyber Islamic Environments

April 2014 – Mapping Arabic Heritage: Language, Literature and Culture, Past and Present

- Host **American University of Sharjah**
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