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.
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- 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.

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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.

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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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Professor E.L. Peters
1973–1975
Mr A.H. Hourani
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

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

2007  Ruud Peters
       Shari’a Criminal Law and Human Rights: Can They Be Reconciled? Special summer lecture.

2006  Roger Owen
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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
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

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

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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 Novellist 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

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

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 Studies
Host: University of Mainz
Plenaries: HRH Prince Hassan Bin Talal
The Inter-religious Dialogue after 9/11

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

2000 – Writing the Middle East
Host: University of Cambridge
Plenaries: Professor Josef Van Ess, University of Tübingen
Political Theory in Early Muslim Theological Thinking

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

1999 – EURAMES conference in Ghent

1997 – Re-Thinking Islam
Host: University of Oxford
Plenaries: Michael Bonner, University of Michigan
Derek Fatchett MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs responsible for Asia and the Middle East

1996 – EURAMES conference in Aix-en Provence

1995 – The Middle East and the Environment
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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

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

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

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

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
Scholarships and Prizes

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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-Ebrahim, University of Oxford
The Emergence of Iranian Nationalism: Modernity and the Politics of Dicolonisation 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, Birbeck, University of London
Taking Place: Spatial History in Israel and the Case of Salama/Kefar Shalem

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

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
Turkâyé: Turkic Peoples in Syriac Literature Prior to the Seljuks
Abeer Abdullah A. Al-Abbasi, University of Leeds
Astrology in Literature: How the Prohibited Became Permissible in the Arabic Poetry of the Mediaeval Period

Abdel Razzaq Takriti, University of Oxford
Revolution and Absolutism: Oman 1965-1976
Honourable mention: Laetitia Nanquett, SOAS
The Eye Sees Not Itself? Mutual Images of France and Iran Through Their Literatures (1979-2009)

2008
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

Runner-up: Chikara Hashimoto, Aberystwyth University
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Runner-up: Francesca Burke, University of Oxford
Students of Resistance: Palestinian Student Mobilisation at Home and in Exile
### Scholarships and Prizes

#### 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

#### 2006

- **Fabio Casani, University of St Andrews**
- **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 Seventeenth/ Eighteenth Century
- **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

#### 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

#### 2002

- **James Onley, University of Oxford**
The Infrastructure of Informal Empire: a Study of Britain’s Native Agency in Bahrain, c. 1816-1900
- **Francine Stone, University of Manchester**
Tihamah Gazetteer: The Southern Red Sea Coast of Arabia to 923/1517

#### 2001

- **Ahmed Abdul-Kareem Saif, University of Exeter**

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### Honorary mentions

- **2008**: James McDougall, University of Oxford
- **2007**: Martin Whittingham, University of Edinburgh
- **2003**: James McDougall, University of Oxford
- **2000**: William Donaldson, University of Edinburgh

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**Note:** The prize was not awarded in 2004 and 2007.
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 Lorette, 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 Habbash, 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 Par, 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

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
       Efsevía Lashiotaki, 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

2002  Ben White, University of Oxford
       The Christian Arabs of Nazareth: Israeli State Policy and its Consequences for Intra-Arab Relations
       Alex Mallett, University of Edinburgh
       Reynald of Chatillon’s Personality in Writings

2001  Alessio Lorette, SOAS
       Intertextuality in Palestinian Literature: Novel Formulations of Nation-ness
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 Gaziyev, 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?

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?
Gizem Tongo, University of Oxford
The Politics of Bread: Neoliberal Economic Reforms and Authoritarian Persistence in Contemporary Jordan and Morocco
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
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