

## Research grant awards

- **Professor Ilan Pappé:** AHRC 6-month collaborative grant with the University of East London: A common archive for 1948 Palestine (£4,206).
- **Professor Rob Gleave:** AHRC-NWO 2-year collaborative grant with the University of Leiden: European Islamic Legal Studies Network (£34,252).

## Publications

**Lise Storm (2012):** *Understanding Moroccan Politics: Tools for Assessing the Impact of the Arab Spring*, *Mediterranean Politics*, 17:1, 119-124.

## Conferences, seminars and workshops

### Current Challenges in the Social Sciences: SSIS Postgraduate Conference, 3 - 4 May 2012

Our College's annual postgraduate conference taking place in IAIS. [www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/postgraduate/research/events/conference](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/postgraduate/research/events/conference)

### Cultures of Resistance: The Case of Palestine and Beyond, 5 - 6 May 2012

EXCEPS and ECPS workshop and public lecture by Joseph Massad, and a film by Alia Arasoughly.

### School of Abbasid Studies, Eleventh International Conference, IAIS 10 - 14 July 2012

### Gulf Studies Conference 2012, 16 - 20 July 2012

An interdisciplinary conference on the Gulf region (Arabia, Iran, Iraq),

past and present. This conference follows three days after the 2012 Gulf Research Meeting in Cambridge (11 - 14 July). [www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/iaais/research/centres/gulf/conference/2012conference](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/iaais/research/centres/gulf/conference/2012conference)

### LIVIT Conference 2012, 3 - 4 September 2012

Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought Project (LIVIT) funded through the RCUK Global Uncertainties Programme. [www.livitproject.net/2012-livit-conference](http://www.livitproject.net/2012-livit-conference)

### Second International Conference on Kurdish Studies, 6 - 8 September 2012

'The Kurds and Kurdistan: Considering Continuity and Change'. [www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/iaais/research/centres/kurdish/conference](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/iaais/research/centres/kurdish/conference)

## Past events

### "The portrait of a nation in poetry and music"

Poetry workshop followed by a music event by prominent Kurdish Harpist Tara Jaff, held on **26 January 2012**, organised by Farangis Ghaderi.

### Photography Workshop – montage as a practice, 10 March 2012

Learning how to narrate visually – a day workshop for keen photographers and college students lead by Massimiliano Fusari, sponsored by the University of Exeter Link Fund, the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies and the Hawza Project ([www.thehawzaproject.net](http://www.thehawzaproject.net)).

### Hawza International Conference, Keble College, Oxford, 28 - 30 March 2012

*The Future and Prospects for the Hawza*. The final event of the third year of the "Clerical Authority in Shi'ite Islam" project sponsored by the British Academy, The British Institute of Persian Studies, and The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies. Project Director: Robert Gleave. [www.thehawzaproject.net/styled/workshops](http://www.thehawzaproject.net/styled/workshops)

### LIVIT One-Day Workshop, 25 April 2012

*Modern Salafism: Doctrine, Politics, Jihad*. Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought Project (LIVIT) funded through the RCUK Global Uncertainties Programme [www.livitproject.net/workshops](http://www.livitproject.net/workshops)

## Honorary appointments

**Dr Lise Storm** is an invited fellow at the Sorbonne (Paris 1) and the CERI at Sciences Po from 1 Jan until end of July 2012.

**Professor Dionisius Agius** has been appointed as a panel member for the European Research Council to evaluate 2012 Advanced Grant applications.

### Honorary Research Fellows

Mahnaz Zahiri Nejad Varnosfaderani; Samira Khawaldeh; Bob Wilson; Dr Lahay A Hussain; Eric Langham; Intan Syah Ichsan; Pinar Dost-Niyego.



## Exhibitions

### Behind a camera: in front a hawza images by massimiliano fusari.

The exhibition was presented in collaboration with The Centre for the Study of Islam, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter ([www.exeter.ac.uk/iaais/research/centres/csi](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iaais/research/centres/csi)) and The Hawza Project "Clerical Authority in Shiite Islam", directed by Professor Robert Gleave ([www.thehawzaproject.net](http://www.thehawzaproject.net)). The exhibition tours to the University of Durham 13 April to 31 May, 2012; and The British Museum 8 to 10 June, 2012.

## Visiting speakers

**Shirin Ebadi**, winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize. *Human rights in Iran*, 10 January 2012.

**Angela Sutton-Vane**, *The Turkish carpet in Britain: The identity, material culture and meaning of an Islamic item*, 18 January 2012.

**Silvia Naef**, Professor of Arabic Studies, University of Geneva. *From Islamic to Contemporary? The Visual Arts in the Arab World and the "Missing Modernity"*, 25 January 2012.

**Abodlmajeed Mobaollegi**, Mufid University, Qum, As part of the British Academy sponsored project "Religion in Public Life: British and Iranian Experiences" directed by Professors Esther Reed (Theology) and Robert Gleave (IAIS). *Political Fiqh in the public life of contemporary Iran. Political Jurisprudence between the Constitutional and Islamic Revolutions*, 21 February 2012.

**Qaisra Khan**, Project Curator, Department of Middle East, British Museum. *Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam Exhibition at the British Museum*, 22 February 2012.

**Liz Harris**, *Working as a linguist for the International Committee of the Red Cross: the inside story*, 29 February 2012.

**Greg Gause**, Professor of Political Science, University of Vermont. *Why Middle East Studies Missed the Arab Spring*, 7 March 2012.

**Joost Jongerden**, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. *The reconstruction of the countryside in the Kurdistan region in Turkey*, 14 March 2012.

**Leyli Anvar**, Assistant Professor at the Institut National des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales, Paris. *In quest of Simorgh: a reading of The Conference of the Birds*. 28 March 2012.

## PhD awards

**Sabah Ghalib**, *The emergence of Kurdish in three Kurdish Emirates within the Ottoman Empire, 1800-1850* – supervised by Christine Allison.

**Francis Acquah**, *The impact of African traditional religious beliefs and cultural values on Christian-Muslim relations in Ghana from 1950 through the present. A case study of the Nkusukum-Ekumfi-Enyan area of the Central Region* – supervised by Robert Gleave.

**Assmaa Naguib**, *The Arab Novelist in "Exile": Palestine (1948), Lebanon (1975-1990) and Iraq (2003)* – supervised by Ian Netton.

**Ghazoan Ali**, *Substance and things: Dualism and unity in the early islamic cultural field* – supervised by Sajjad Rizvi.

**Mark Thompson**, *Emerging socio-political representation in Saudi Arabia: Direct and indirect consequences of the Saudi Arabia national dialogue process* – supervised by Gerd Nonneman.

**Syahrul Hidayat**, *A comparison of how parties with an Islamic/Islamist background adapt to operating in a liberal parliamentary study* – supervised by Tim Niblock.

## AMR/upgrades in summer term

### PGR Support Officer

Dr Klejda Mulaj (until 1 April); Professor Christine Allison 1 April 2012.

### AMR

To comply with the University's Code of Good Practice: Annual Research Student Monitoring and Code of Good Practice – Supervision of Postgraduate Research Students, all supervisors and PGR students must complete an annual report on supervision.

A College panel has been established to review the report forms, and will be looking to ensure the satisfactory progression of all students, and to consider the appropriate action required where there may be any concerns with that progression.

### Upgrades

MPhil-PhD upgrades will take place between 1 May and 30 June with each student preparing:

1. An outline of work completed against each chapter heading, a brief synopsis of each chapter and a work-plan and schedule;
2. 20,000 words of the thesis in good draft to your supervisors.

Students will be interviewed by a panel (normally for around an hour) comprising the second supervisor and an independent panel member.