

## Research grant awards

- **Sophie Richter-Devroe** has been awarded a Gerda Henkel Foundation Special Programme grant on 'Security, Society and the State', together with Dr Ruba Salih (SOAS), for the project: 'Palestinian Refugees' Strategies of Conflict Resolution: Reconciling Citizenship Rights and Return'. Value: 84,085.

This project investigates how Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon, reconcile citizenship strategies with their right to return. By counteracting their classic image as marginal subjects, Palestinian refugees are important conflict resolution actors: they are protagonists of new forms of political mobilisation, and catalysts of innovative non-territorial conceptualisations of citizenship and the nation-state.

the intellectual's and artist's role in Islamic civilization along with a comparison with its Western counterpart, and patterns in art reflecting patterns in thought and patterns in society.

**Dr Sarah Elibiary**, PhD SOAS, has been appointed Research Fellow on **Professor Robert Gleave's** ESRC-GUF Fellowship – Islamic Reformulations: Belief, Violence, Governance.

**Dr Nadia Najjab**, PhD Exeter, has been appointed Research Fellow in the European Centre for Palestine Studies.

**Mrs Nikki Clews** has been appointed Senior Research Administrator (Post-Award).

## New appointments

The Institute has made three new lectureship appointments, two research fellows and a post-award administrator:

**Dr Eleanor Gao**, PhD Michigan, has been appointed Lecturer in Middle East Politics and International Relations from 1 October 2012. Her research focuses on tribes in Jordan and how tribal diversity affects the quality of municipal service provision. Specifically she examines how the presence (or absence) of social diversity impacts overall local services, electoral competition, patronage and local socioeconomic outcomes. She hopes that such research will contribute to further understanding of governance in authoritarian countries as well as refine views regarding the relationship between diversity and public goods provision. In addition to her dissertation topic, she is broadly interested in the fields of identity politics, politics of the Arab world, and the politics of authoritarian/semi-democratic countries.

**Dr William Gallois**, PhD Bristol, has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Modern Middle East History from 1 January 2013. He will join us from Roehampton and his research interests focus on the history of Algeria and in relations between the Arab-Islamic and European worlds.

**Dr István Kristó-Nagy**, PhD Toulouse 2, Le Mirail and ELTE (Budapest), has been appointed Lecturer in Arabic and Islamic Studies to commence on 1 January 2013. His first book, *La pensée d'Ibn al-Muqaffa': Un « agent double » dans le monde persan et arabe*, Collection *Studia Arabica*, Éditions de Paris, will be published in 2013. His research interests include the cultural and social history of the formative and classical period of Islam: political and ethical thought, wisdom literature, the *adab*, the interaction between dualism and monotheism,

## Publications

**Agius, Dionisius A (2012):** "Omani Seafaring Identity before the Early 1600s: Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity", in *Studies on Ibadism and Oman*, vol. 2, *Oman and Overseas*, eds Michaela Hoffmann-Ruf and Abdulrahman Al Salimi, (Volume II Hildesheim: Georg Olms): 39-54.

**Ashour, Omar (2012):** *Libyan Islamists Unpacked: Rise, Transformation, and Future*. Brookings Papers. (DC: Brookings Institution Publications).

**Giolfo, Manuela E B (2012):** "Grammaticalization of the Arabic negative particle *mā*: *mā fa'ala* vs. *lam ya'fal*, and *mā ya'falu* vs. *lā ya'falu*" in D. Eades (ed.), *Grammaticalization in Semitic*, Journal of Semitic Studies Book Supplement Series, (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

**Githens-Mazer, Jonathan (2012):** 'The rhetoric and reality: radicalization and political discourse', *International Political Science Review* (33): 556-567.

**Netton, I R (ed.) (2013):** *Orientalism Revisited: Art, Land and Voyage*, (London & New York: Routledge) pp. xxv, 288.

**Netton, I R (2013):** 'Ibn Battuta in Wanderland: voyage as text: Was Ibn Battuta an Orientalist?' in Netton (ed.), *Orientalism Revisited*, pp. 223-251.

**Richter-Devroe, Sophie (2012):** "Defending their Land, Protecting their Men: Palestinian Women's Popular Resistance after the Second Intifada", *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (14:1) (winner of the Cynthia Enloe Prize).

**Valeri, Marc (2012):** "Contentious Politics in Bahrain: Opposition Cooperation between Regime Manipulation and Youth Radicalisation", in Kraetzschmar H (eds) *The Dynamics of Opposition Cooperation in the Arab World: Contentious Politics in Times of Change* (London: Routledge, 129-149).

## Honorary appointments

**Robert Gleave** has been selected to be Mellon Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Chicago, between January and March 2013.

### Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Syahrul Hidayat; Dr Basoeki Koesasi; Dr Arskal Salim.

## Visiting Speakers

### Forthcoming

**Dr Laurence Louër** (Sciences Po Paris) – *The political economy of distributive conflicts in Bahrain and Kuwait*, 16 January.

**Mehri Niknam** (The Joseph Interfaith Foundation, London) – *Religious Freedom in Britain Today: The Boundaries Between Freedom of Conscience in Religion and Secularism*, 22 January.

**Dr Ghada Karmi** – *The Disease of Love. A Medical View of Infatuation in the Medieval Arab World*, 23 January.

**Dr Tim Jacoby** (Manchester) – *Peace in Turkey*, 30 January.

**Dr Thomas Pierret** (Edinburgh) – title to be confirmed (contemporary Syria), 6 February.

**William Dalrymple** (journalist and historian) – on his last book *Return of a King. The Battle for Afghanistan*, 8 February.

**Dr Stéphane Lacroix** (Sciences Po, Paris) – *Salafism in Egypt*, 13 February.

**Edward Chaplin** (British diplomat) – *Iran and the international community*, 20 February.

**Professor Mona Siddiqui** (Edinburgh) – title to be confirmed, 27 February.

**Dr Faisal Devji** (Oxford) – *Pakistan as a Political Idea*, 6 March.

**Dr Ghada Karmi** – *Muslims in Britain. Not "People like Us"?*, 8 March.

**Professor Meyda Yegenoglu** (Istanbul) – title to be confirmed, 13 March.

**Professor Charles Burnett** (Warburg Institute, London) – *The West Country as a Cradle for Arabic Science*, 27 March. (Presented by the History Dept.)

## PhD awards

**Majdi Alkhouli**, *Public Relations Practice in Palestinian Universities since 1994* – supervised by Gerd Nonneman.

**Anaid Flesken**, *Changing Ethnic Boundaries: Politics and Identities in Bolivia, 2000-10* – supervised by Gareth Stansfield.

**Xenia Gleissner**, *Local for Locals or Go Global. Negotiating How to Represent UAE Identity in Television and Film* – supervised by Gerd Nonneman.

**Phil Leech**, *Mis-stating Palestine: A Critical Analysis of Fayyadism and the Palestinian Authority's Agenda 2007-11* – supervised by Ilan Pappé.

**Caroline Neumueller**, *The 21st Century New Muslim Generation – Converts in Britain and Germany* – supervised by Robert Gleave.

**Sherry El-Sayyid**, *Dangerous Sexualities: The Construction of Sexual Knowledge in Egypt 1800-1928* – supervised by Robert Gleave.

**Ali Yusufu**, *State Building and Constitutional Politics in a Multiethnic Society: The Nigerian Experience* – supervised by Klejda Mulaj.

## Conferences, seminars and workshops

### Doctoral workshop on Middle Eastern Literatures,

organised by the Centre for Kurdish Studies in collaboration with Dr Laurent Mignon (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford), **8 - 9 March 2013**. This is a closed workshop.

### Red Sea Conference in Saudi Arabia 2013, 17 - 20 March

*The Red Sea: Past and Present and Future challenges*. The focus is on topics that stimulate new thought and discourse about different human adaptations to and interactions with the environment of the Red Sea, both past and present. Organised by the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities, Riyadh; the King Abdallah University Science and Technology, Jeddah; and MARES 2 at the IAS. For further information visit [www.projects.exeter.ac.uk/mares/conferences](http://www.projects.exeter.ac.uk/mares/conferences)

## Kurdish collections at the Library and Omar Sheikmous Archives

The Centre for Kurdish Studies is building a collection of Kurdish and Kurdish-related titles in Western and Middle-Eastern languages (English, Arabic, French and German are particularly well covered). It has recently acquired almost all Kurdish titles published in Turkey over the past decades and a substantial collection of books recently published in Iraqi and Iranian Kurdistan. In addition there are over 700 titles from the former Soviet Union including works of the major Soviet Kurdish novelists, as well as scholarly books in Kurdish, Armenian and Russian. Catalogues, books and periodicals are on the online library catalogue (<https://lib.exeter.ac.uk/search~S6>). For further information contact Afzal Hasan, the subject librarian, at [a.hasan@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:a.hasan@exeter.ac.uk)

Omar Sheikmous has generously donated his personal archives to the University including books, his PhD thesis, pamphlets, journals and magazines. Thanks to his generous gift the University's library has a collection of more than 150 rare Kurdish newspapers and journals available for use for academic researchers, under condition of approval by Heritage collection. For access to listed archive material, contact Heritage Collections ([libspc@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:libspc@exeter.ac.uk)) quoting EUL MS 403. For general information visit: [www.exeter.ac.uk/as/library/about/middleeastcollections/collections/kurdishcollections](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/as/library/about/middleeastcollections/collections/kurdishcollections)

## Prizes

**Sophie Richter-Devroe** was awarded the runner-up in the 2012 BRISMES Leigh Memorial Prize for her PhD thesis 'Gender and Conflict Transformation in Palestine: Women's Activism Between Local and International Agendas'.

Her book manuscript (based on the PhD), entitled "How Women Do Politics – Peacebuilding, Resistance and Survival in Palestine", won the 2012 National Women's Studies Association/ University of Illinois Press First Book Prize.