

Research grant awards

- **Dr John Cooper** received funding from the National Museum of Qatar to produce digital 3D models of 14 dhows in the Museum's collection, together with more traditional naval and orthographic drawings, for conservation, research and public education purposes. The project team also includes maritime archaeologist Dr Chiara Zazzaro from the University of Naples and mines engineer Dr Andy Wetherelt, also from the University of Exeter.
- **Professor Rob Gleave** was awarded an 'Uplift' to his recent ESRC-GUF 3-year Fellowship – *Islamic Reformulations: Belief, Violence, Governance* (£50,000).

New appointments

Dr Mustafa Baig has been appointed Research Fellow on Professor Gleave's *Islamic Reformulations: Belief, Violence, Governance* ESRC GULF grant. He was previously Lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Manchester where he also completed his PhD thesis. His research interests principally lie in the study of Islamic jurisprudence in non-Muslim contexts, investigating how Islamic jurists – who predominantly addressed Muslims living under Muslim rule – discussed the 'more exceptional' cases of Muslims living in non-Muslim lands, and the legal and theological implications involved. As well as examining the classical literature on Muslims in non-Muslim jurisdictions, he is also interested in following new modern/ist discourses on Muslims in minority contexts.

Dr Baig has two forthcoming articles: "The non-Military Aspects of *Kitab al-Jihad*: Peaceful Abidance in the Abode of War" and "Operating Islamic Jurisprudence in a non-Muslim State". He has also spent a number of years studying classical Islam texts (in a variety of fields) with traditional Muslim scholars and has taught courses at the University of Manchester on subjects such as introduction to Islam; women in Islam; Islam/the Arab world and the West; Islamic history; and Islamic philosophy. He is on the steering committee of the International Abrahamic Forum, reflecting his interest in Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations. While conducting his own research on themes connected to the Islamic Reformulations project, he will be working with Professor Robert Gleave to coordinate specific activities tied in with its agenda.

Publications

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Nash, Harriet and Dionisius A. Agius. "Star Charts from Oman", in *Sources and Approaches Across Disciplines in Near Eastern Studies*, ed. Erna Klemm and Nuha Al-Sha's with L Bedhzadi, S Brinkman, S Gunther and M Jagonak in cooperation with B Backe, H-G Ebert, L M Franke, M Koertner and D de Smet [Orientalia Lovaniensianalecta 215] (Leuven: Peeters, 2013): 479-490.

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

Axworthy, Michael (2013): *Revolutionary Iran: A History of the Islamic Republic*, (Allen Lane) 496pp.

Sajjad Rizvi (2012): 'Philosophy as a Way of Life in the World of Islam: Applying Hadot to the Study of Mulladr Sh r zi (d. 1635)', *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 75.1, 33-45.

Sajjad Rizvi (2013): 'Onself as the saved other? The ethics and soteriology of difference in two Muslim thinkers', in M.H. Khalil (ed), *Between Heaven and Hell: Islam, Salvation, and the Fate of Others*, (New York: Oxford University Press) 180-203.

Sajjad Rizvi (2013): 'Tariq Ramadan's tryst with modernity: Towards a European Muslim Tradition', in David Marshall (ed), *Tradition and Modernity: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, (Washington: Georgetown University Press).

Sajjad Rizvi (2012): 'Only the Imam knows best: The maktab-i tafk k's attack on the legitimacy of philosophy in Iran', *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 22:3-4, 487-503.

Hamit Bozarslan and Clémence Scalbert Yucel (eds) (2013): *Joyce Blau l'éternelle chez les Kurdes*, (Paris, 2013).

Marc Valeri (2013): *الربيع العماني في مواجهة قدسية الحاكم (The Omani Spring and the 'Sanctity' of the Ruler) (in Arabic)*, in Al-Hashmi S (eds) *قراءة في السياقات والدلالات الربيع العماني*, (The Omani Spring. A Reading of its Context and Implications) (in Arabic), Beirut: Dar al-Farabi, 81-93.

Steffen Hertog, Giacomo Luciani and Marc Valeri (eds) (2013): *Business Politics in the Middle East* (London/New York: Hurst/Oxford University Press), 288pp.

Honorary appointments

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Elaine M Goodwin
Professor Muayad Ahmed Shihab al-Khshali
Dr Sufyan Abu Zayda
Dr Ezgi Tuncer Gurkas
Dr David Seddon

Visiting Scholars

Dr Catherine Warrick (Fulbright Scholar)
Catherine Warrick is associate professor of political science at Villanova University (Pennsylvania, US), where she is also associate director of the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies. Her primary research areas are comparative law and gender, and she is the author of *Law in the Service of Legitimacy: Gender and Politics in Jordan* (Ashgate, 2009). Catherine is at the University of Exeter from January-July 2013 with the support of a Fulbright faculty fellowship, to continue her research on Islamic law in Britain. Catherine particularly wanted to come to Exeter because of the University's well-known expertise in Islamic studies, family law and politics.

Prizes

Honorary Research Fellow, **Dr Harriet Nash**, has been awarded the Ancient and Modern Prize No.7 for her project on star use and lore in Oman.

PhD awards

Mohamed bin Ali, *The Islamic Doctrine of Al-Wala' wal Bara' (Loyalty and Disavowal) in Modern Salafism* – supervised by Robert Gleave.

Khalid Aldakheel, *Development of Awareness: The Power of Society and Men in the Saudi Women's Novel (1958-2011)* – supervised by Christina Phillips and Ian Netton.

Sultan Almujaivel, *Contrastive Lexicology and Comparable English-Arabic Corpora-based Analysis of Vague and False Arabic Equivalence: The Case of the Modern English-Arabic Dictionary of Al-Mawrid* – supervised by Dionisius Agius.

Oslem Garip, *Kurdistan: A land of longing and struggle. Analysis of homeland and identity in the Kurdish novelistic discourse from Turkish Kurdistan to its diaspora, 1984-2010* – supervised by Clémence Scalbert-Yücel.

Saman Salah Hassan, *Women and Literature: A Feminist Reading of Kurdish Women's Poetry* – supervised by Christine Allison.

Songsiri Putthongchai, *What is it like to be Muslim in Thailand? A case study of Thailand through Muslim professionals' perspectives* – supervised by Tim Niblock.

Julian Jansen van Rensburg, *The Maritime Traditions of the Fishermen of Socotra, Yemen* – supervised by Dionisius Agius.

Conferences, seminars and workshops

Past events

(AHRC) Classical Persian Poetry and poets: The Timurid and Turkmen Periods – Workshop, 30 March 2013

The workshop focused on the life, works and thought of all major and some of the minor poets who flourished during in the late Mongol, Timurid and Türkmen periods (roughly 1350-1500). This formed part of Dr Leonard Lewisohn's AHARC award to write a comprehensive monograph on the subject.

Crisis, Collapse, Militarism and Civil War: The History and Historiography of 18th Century Iran – Workshop, 16 March 2013

The Centre for Persian and Iranian presented a workshop on the history and historiography of 18th century Iran, funded by the British Institute of Persian Studies. A range of international experts on the period presented papers, including: Rudi Matthee from the University of Delaware; Gene Garthwaite from Dartmouth College; Ernest Tucker from the Naval Academy; and Annapolis and Edmund Herzig from Oxford.

Centre for Kurdish Studies' Masterclasses (for MA and PhD students) with Zeynep Gambetti 21-22 March 2013.

Red Sea VI Conference, *The Red Sea: Past and Present and Future challenges*, was held in Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 17-20 March 2013

The conference was organised through a collaboration between the MARES project at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, and the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities (SCTA). Red Sea VI was inaugurated by HH Prince Sultan bin Salman, the head of the SCTA, and was also promoted by HH Prince Fahad bin Sultan, the governor of Tabuk. Other supporting bodies were King Abdulaziz University, Jazan University, Taiba University, Tabuk University and The British Foundation for the Study of Arabia. The conference coincided with the opening of Tabuk Castle Museum and the Hijaz Railway Museum in Tabuk. Proceedings will be published by E J Brill in 2015. Red Sea VII will take place at the University of Naples in April 2015.

Forthcoming events

Workshop on Islamic Legal Studies: The Sharia Project – 18-19 April 2013

The Sharia Project is a joint enterprise between the universities of Exeter and Leiden and Funded jointly by the NWO and AHRC, jointly directed by Professor Robert Gleave (IAIS) and Professor Leon Buskens (Chair of the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society). There will be a special session dedicated to discussing the work of leading international scholars of Islamic law. Professor Sherman Jackson, King Faisal Chair in Islamic Thought and Culture at the University of Southern California will attend. Professor Jackson's interests cover not only the history and development of Islamic law, but also the challenges and prospects for contemporary Islamic thought. In 2009 he was named among the 500 most influential Muslims in the world by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Amman, Jordan, and the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Doctoral workshop on Bringing Together Middle Eastern Literatures, organised by the Centre for Kurdish Studies and the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford, **26 April 2013** – featuring scholars from the Universities of Exeter and Oxford.