

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 2 November 2018
12.30 – 16.00
Monnet Room, Europe House
32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU



Middle Eastern Studies Report

1. British and Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) conference:

This year's BRISMES annual conference will be hosted by the University of Leeds, 24-27 June 2019. The Theme of the conference is: *Joining the Dots: Interdisciplinarity in Middle East Studies*.

The Conference 'seeks to celebrate interdisciplinarity as vital in understanding the interconnectedness of the social, cultural, political and economic structures and conditions throughout the Middle East and North Africa'.

<http://www.brismes.ac.uk/conference/call-for-papers-2019/>

2. The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies:

The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies is published four times a year and is currently under the editorship of Dr Lloyd Ridgeon of the University of Glasgow. The Journal continues to offer academic research articles, book reviews and a bibliographical section.

<http://www.brismes.ac.uk/publications/the-british-journal-of-middle-eastern-studies>

3. Arabic Mapping Project:

On 25 May 2018, the British Academy launched a pilot for a project aiming to map foreign language teaching and research in the UK education sector.

Starting with Arabic, the interactive map shows teaching provision, capacity and pathways of the language, from secondary school to postdoctoral research on the culture and history of the Arab world. The resource provides an insight into the type of programmes offered, the number of students enrolled, number of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level, number of PhD students ...etc.

4. Arabic Language and Culture conference – Tuesday, September 18, 2018

In collaboration with the British Council and Qatar Foundation International, the University of Leeds hosted the *Arabic Language and Culture conference*. The conference was designed to support the teaching and learning of Arabic in UK schools. It included sessions on best practice in teaching Arabic and information on grants and support for introducing Arabic language and culture into schools.

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