

Middle Eastern Studies Report:

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

The University of Kent will be hosting BRISMES annual conference, 29 June- 1 July 2020. The Theme of the conference is: *Knowledge, Power and Middle Eastern Studies*.

Further information on the conference can be found at:
<http://www.brismes.ac.uk/conference/>

BRISMES annual lecture took place this year at King's College London, 18 November 2019, and was delivered by Prof. Laleh Khalili on the topic of 'The Corporeal Life of Commerce at Sea'

<https://soundcloud.com/kingsdmes/british-society-for-middle-east-studies-annual-lecture-the-corporeal-life-of-commerce-at-sea>

2. The British Association for Turkish Area Studies (BATAS)

The British Association for Turkish Area Studies (BATAS) annual John Martin Lecture took place on 22 November 2019, and was delivered by Diana Darke on the topic of '*Turkey and Syria: deep past connections, deep present differences*'.

BATAS 2020 Spring Symposium, due to be held on 2 May, has been postponed because of the coronavirus.

3. British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA)

BATA's Inaugural International Conference on the *Teaching of Arabic Language, Culture, Literature and Linguistics* will be held at the University of Leeds on 25th June 2020. Further information on the Conference can be found at:

<https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-conference-2020/>

BATA is hosted by the University of Leeds and chaired by Professor El Mustapha Lahlali. It has been relaunched to promote the teaching of Arabic language and culture in the UK and beyond.

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