

## Item 10g: Middle Eastern Studies

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

The University of Kent will be hosting BRISMES annual conference, 28<sup>th</sup> -30th April 2021. The Theme of the conference is: *Knowledge, Power and Middle Eastern Studies*.

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

The 2020 BRISMES Annual Lecture which took place online on 21 October 2020. Dr Ziba Mir-Hosseini gave a lecture entitled '*Recovering Gender Equality in Islam: Conversations with Reformist Thinkers*'.

### 2. British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA)

#### BATA series of webinars:

BATA has successfully organised series of webinars on the theme of *Teaching Arabic Online: Opportunities and Challenges*, which has attracted a great deal of interest from colleagues in the UK and beyond. The series has brought colleagues together and allowed greater collaboration for sharing, promoting and disseminating best practices and resources across the wide network of teachers in the UK and abroad. Further information on the series can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-webinars/>

**Supporting Arabic language teachers:** a resource pack to help and support colleagues in the field has been developed and can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/textbooks-materials-and-recordings/>

**BATA November Newsletter:** This issue introduces BATA activities and second series of webinars: [https://britisharabicteaching.org/newsletter\\_november-2020/](https://britisharabicteaching.org/newsletter_november-2020/)

**BATA forthcoming events:** BATA forthcoming events can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-webinars/>