

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 12 November 2021 10am-12pm

Via MS Teams



Item 10h: Middle Eastern studies

1. British and Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES):

The 2022 BRISMES Annual Conference will be hosted by the Institute of the Middle East, Central Asia and Caucasus Studies (MECACCS) at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, 4th – 6th July. *Exploring and Contesting the (re)production of coloniality in the Middle East: Borders, Transnationalism, and Resistance* is the main theme of the conference.

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

The 2020 BRISMES Annual Lecture took place online on 21 October 2020. Dr Ziba Mir-Hosseini delivered a lecture titled "Recovering Gender Equality in Islam: Conversations with Reformist Thinkers". The recording of the lecture can be found here: <https://www.brismes.ac.uk/events/annual-lecture>

Professor Mohsen Kadivar will be giving the 2021 BRISMES Annual Lecture. The title of the lecture will be **Transformation of 'Islamic Republic' to 'Islamic State of Iran'**. The lecture will take place online on Tuesday, 7 December 2021, and is free to attend and open to all.

2. British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA)

BATA series of webinars:

BATA continued to organise series of webinars on the teaching of Arabic language and culture, linguistics, literature and translation. The series, which has attracted a great deal of interest from colleagues in the UK and beyond, 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: BATA continued to develop a resource pack to help and support colleagues in the field and can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/textbooks-materials-and-recordings/>

BATA 2021 Conference: BATA successfully organised its Inaugural International Conference, hosted by the University of Leeds. The Conference has attracted over 70 presenters and over 340 delegates from 40 countries. The Conference covered a wide range of themes, covering Arabic language teaching, Arabic linguistics, literature and translation.

BATA 2022 Conference: BATA 2nd Annual International Conference will be held at the University of Westminster, from 30th June until 1st July. Further information on the Conference and call for papers can be found at: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-conference-2022/>

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