

## UCML Executive Committee

Friday 29th April 2022 10am-12pm  
Via MS Teams



### Item 10.g: 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 (MECACS) at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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/rates-and-registration>

Professor Mohsen Kadivar delivered the 2021 BRISMES Annual Lecture entitled **Transformation of 'Islamic Republic' to 'Islamic State of Iran'**. The lecture took place online on Tuesday, 7 December 2021. The recording of the lecture is now available at the following link: <https://www.brismes.ac.uk/news/watch-recording-of-2021-brismes-annual-lecture-by-prof-mohsen-kadivar>

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

##### **BATA series of webinars:**

Since its launch by El Mustapha Lahlali and other colleagues from different UK universities, BATA has gone from strength to strength and continued to support colleagues in Arabic Studies, organising series of webinars and workshops on the teaching of Arabic language and culture, linguistics, literature and translation. The series continued to attract a great deal of interest from colleagues in the UK and beyond. It has allowed colleagues the opportunity to share, promote and disseminate 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:** As reported in November, BATA continued to build and develop its 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 2022 International Conference** will be held this year at the University of Westminster, from 30<sup>th</sup> June until 1<sup>st</sup> July. The Call for Papers for this year's conference attracted a huge interest, and over 80 scholars from 60 institutions in 23 countries have been selected to present their work at the conference. Further information on the Conference and registration can be found at: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-conference-2022/>