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The aim of the LMEI, through education and research, is to promote knowledge of all aspects of the Middle East including its complexities, problems, achievements and assets, both among the general public and with those who have special interest in the region.

In this task it will build on two essential assets. First, it is based in London, a city which has unrivalled contemporary and historical connections and communications with the Middle East: political, social, cultural, commercial, scientific and educational. Secondly, the LMEI is at SOAS, the only tertiary educational institution in the world whose explicit purpose is to provide training and scholarship on the whole Middle East from prehistory until today.
Director’s Letter
As the 2015/16 academic year draws to a close, I can look back at another dynamic year in the life of our Institute.

The following pages will detail the many different types of activity that LMEI has developed in its first thirteen years to promote knowledge of the Middle East for a wide range of audiences. The Institute’s conferences and lecture programmes are still proving to be effective means of communicating with the academics and students already at the centre of Middle East studies as well as members of the public.

Once again our two sub-centres – the Centre for Iranian Studies and the Centre for Palestine Studies – continue to be very active, enabling SOAS academics to draw on academic and administrative support from the Institute’s staff to initiate new programmes as well as continuing existing work. This year the Centre for Iranian Studies has attracted funding for an additional Yarshatar lecture series on Iranian literature. The Centre of Palestine Studies has convened its first conference (on Gaza), been preparing the first books in a publications series on Palestine with IB Tauris and attracted a number of occasional lectures on Palestine.

The Middle East in London magazine has now a full and dedicated webpage enabling the Institute to reach out to an even wider readership. As well as disseminating knowledge, the Institute continues to support research through its visiting fellowship programmes.

While LMEI has been in existence for just thirteen years SOAS itself celebrates its centenary in 2016/17. This year the Institute has been considering how it can contribute to these celebrations. Preparations are well underway for a major conference in October 2016: ‘Environmental Challenges in the MENA Region: the Long Road from Conflict to Cooperation’. I look forward to discussing this and other centenary events in our next Annual Report.
Event Highlights
The LMEI began its programme of events in the 2015/16 academic year in September 2015 with a lecture by Hugh Kennedy, Professor of Arabic in the Department of the Languages and Cultures of Near and Middle East, SOAS, on ISIS and the Caliphate: the uses and abuses of history. In his lecture, a sequel to an earlier lecture in September 2014 in which he had addressed Caliphate: an Idea in history from Abu Bakr al-Siddiq to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Kennedy examined how the so-called Islamic State, in its periodical Dabiq, interprets early Islamic history to make its own propaganda and justify its own positions. The lecture was delivered to a packed audience and the proceeds raised were donated to the Save the Children Fund UK to help Syrian child refugees.

As part of its long-established Tuesday Evening Lecture Programme on the Contemporary Middle East LMEI organised a series of book launches including a lecture by Abdel Bari Atwan (Rai al-Youm) in October 2015 on the subject of his latest book Islamic State: The Digital Caliphate (Saqi Books, 2015) in which Atwan, based on extensive field research and exclusive interviews with IS insiders, offers a comprehensive review of the group’s organisational structure and leadership, strategies, tactics and diverse methods of recruitment. In November 2015 the LMEI hosted a panel discussion on Revolutionary Egypt: Four Years On to mark the publication of Revolutionary Egypt: Connecting Domestic and International Struggles (Routledge, 2015) with the editor, Reem Abou-El-Fadl (SOAS) and contributors Charles Tripp (SOAS), Miriyam Aouragh (Westminster), Adam Hanieh (SOAS), Nicola Pratt (Warwick) and Kerem Oktem (Graz) which, considering the revolution as a process, looks at the foundations and future of Egypt’s revolution. Later on in the year in March 2016 it held another panel discussion on Civil Resistance in North Africa since 2010 with Alia Brahimi (Oxford), George Joffé (Cambridge), Rory McCarthy (Oxford), Adam Roberts (Oxford), Michael Willis (Oxford) to coincide with the publication of Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring - Triumphs and Disasters (Oxford University Press, 2016) edited by Adam Roberts, Michael Willis, Rory McCarthy and Timothy Garton Ash. The book explores the course and fate of the Arab Spring and looks at how the apparent triumphs of non-violent action were followed by disasters—wars in Syria, anarchy in Libya and Yemen, reversion to authoritarian rule in Egypt, and counter-revolution backed by external intervention in Bahrain.

Alongside its programme of lectures, seminars and panel debates the LMEI organised a number of film screenings. In October 2015, in conjunction with the Centres for Gender Studies and Media Studies and Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUM), it screened six short films from The Trials of Spring collection. The films, from Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Bahrain and Yemen, provide a snapshot of the Arab revolutions from the point of view of women who were involved. They were followed with a series of presentations from a panel of speakers and a Q&A session with the audience. Then in November 2015, in partnership with the Institute of War & Peace Reporting (IWPR), it screened Syria’s Rebellious Women, a series of short documentaries made over 18 months in northern Syria by the filmmaker Zaina Erhaim in which she introduces four women from different backgrounds but with the common goal of helping their fellow-citizens. The screening was followed by a Q&A with the director.

The LMEI also hosted a number of timely conferences such as the one-day international conference in May 2016 on Communication and Conflict: Iraq and Syria with the Centre for Media Studies at SOAS. The conference brought together scholars from a variety of disciplines to address the role of media in the conflicts in Syria and Iraq, in contemporary political violence and extremism as well as in global narratives of forced migration and the related phenomena of racism and exclusionary politics in Europe and elsewhere. The papers presented, which were based on empirically-grounded analyses of specific case studies, sought to address the dynamic relationship between communication and conflict while at the same time taking into account the socio-historical material and military contexts, the symbiotic relationship between language and culture and the selective use of language and image to legitimise actions.
Calendar of Events
The following is a list of the broad range of events organised by the LMEI, either solely or in partnership with other institutions, in the 2015/16 academic year.

**Tuesday Lectures on the Contemporary Middle East (Organised by the London Middle East Institute, SOAS)**

- **06 Oct** Hidden Light: A View from Cosmopolitan Kuwait
  
  - Speaker: Mai Al-Nakib, Kuwait University
  - Chair: Nelida Fuccaro, SOAS
  - Organised jointly with the Near & Middle East History Seminar.

- **13 Oct** Qatar – Small State, Big Politics
  
  - Speaker: Mehran Kamrava, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
  - Chair: Hassan Hakimian, LMEI
  - Organised jointly with the Near & Middle East History Seminar.

- **20 Oct** Return: A Palestinian Memoir
  
  - Speaker: Ghada Karmi (University of Exeter)
  - Chair: Dina Matar (SOAS)
  - Organised jointly with the Centre for Palestine Studies.

- **27 Oct** Islamic State: The Digital Caliphate
  
  - Speaker: Abdel Bari Atwan (Rai al-Youm)
  - Chair: Hassan Hakimian, LMEI

- **10 Nov** The Creative Enterprise and Alternative Spaces of Imagination in Iran
  
  - Speaker: Pamela Karimi (University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and former IHF Visiting Fellow, Centre for Iranian Studies)
  - Chair: Narguess Farzad (SOAS)
  - Organised jointly with the Centre for Iranian Studies.

- **17 Nov** Revolutionary Egypt: Four Years On
  
  - Speaker: Reem Abou-El-Fadl (SOAS), Miriyam Aouragh (Westminster), Adam Hanieh (SOAS), Nicola Pratt (Warwick) and Kerem Oktem (Graz)
  - Moderator: Charles Tripp (SOAS)
  - Organised jointly with the Department of Politics and International Studies.

- **24 Nov** Where the Sea kisses the Desert – Multi-ethnic Musical Impressions from the Arabian Peninsula
  
  - Speaker: Rolf Killius
  - Chair: Jane Lewisohn (SOAS)

- **8 Dec** 7 Sides of A Cylinder - 7 Short Films by 7 Iranian Filmmakers
  
  - Speaker: Haleh Anvari (Producer)
  - Chair: Saeed Zeydabadi-Nejad (SOAS)

- **12 Jan** A Holy War Made in America: The United States and the 1914 Germano-Ottoman Call for Global Jihad
  
  - Speaker: Karine Walther (Georgetown University – Qatar)
  - Chair: William Clarence-Smith (SOAS)

- **19 Jan** Why Did Economists Miss out on the Arab Uprisings?
  
  - Speaker: Hassan Hakimian (LMEI)
  - Chair: Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS)

- **26 Jan** Popular Protest in Palestine: The Uncertain Future of Unarmed Resistance
  
  - Speaker: Marwan Darweish (Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University)
  - Chair: Rafeef Ziadah (SOAS)

- **2 Feb** Between Radical Islam and Kurdishish: Hizbullah in Eastern Turkey
  
  - Speaker: Mehmet Kurt (Bingol University)
  - Chair: Nadje Al-Ali (SOAS)

- **16 Feb** Money and Value: From Qur'an to Contemporary Islamic Economics
  
  - Speaker: Ersilia Francesca (University of Naples "L'Orientale")
  - Chair: Massoud Karshenas (SOAS)

- **23 Feb** Lebanon and the 21st century: Everyday Life in Times of Permanent Crisis
  
  - Speaker: Andrew Arsan (University of Cambridge)

- **01 Mar** Civil Resistance in North Africa since 2010
  
  - Speaker: Alia Brahimi (Oxford), George Joffé (Cambridge), Rory McCarthy (Oxford), Adam Roberts (Oxford), Michael Willis (Oxford)
  - Chair: Charles Tripp (SOAS)

- **08 Mar** The Iranian Revolution in the Mirror of Uneven and Combined Development
  
  - Speaker: Kamran Matin (University of Sussex)
  - Chair: Hassan Hakimian (LMEI)
  - Organised jointly with the Centre for Iranian Studies.

- **15 Mar** Violence and the City in the Modern Middle East
  
  - Speaker: Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS)
  - Chair: Charles Tripp (SOAS)

- **26 Mar** Social Movements and the Future of Politics from Below in the Middle East
  
  - Speaker: Stephanie Cronin (Oxford) and Tara Povey (SOAS)
  - Chair: Reem Abou-El-Fadl (SOAS)

- **03 Mar** The Struggle for the State in Jordan: The Social Origins of Alliances in the Middle East
  
  - Speaker: Jamie Allinson (University of Edinburgh)
  - Chair: Adam Hanieh (SOAS)
Conferences & Symposia

22 Jan  
**Transitional Justice in Libya**  
Organised by SOAS Policy Forum and London Middle East Institute

15-16 Apr  
**The Past in the Present of the Middle East**  
Two-day conference organised by the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) and the London Middle East Institute

07 May  
**Communication and Conflict: Iraq and Syria**  
One-day conference organised by the Centre for Media Studies and the London Middle East Institute. Sponsored by Brill

Other Events

28 Oct  
**The Trials of Spring**  
Afaf Jabiri (activist researcher), Aya Chebbi (activist and blogger), Sahar Mediha Al-Naas (Libyan Women for Peace and Freedom)  
Film screening followed by a panel discussion. Chair: Nadje Al-Ali (SOAS)  
Organised by London Middle East Institute, the Centres for Gender Studies and Media Studies and Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLML)

04 Mar  
**Yemen: What Went Wrong (1990-2016)**  
Brian Whitaker  
Organised by The British-Yemeni Society in association with the London Middle East Institute

05 May  
**Damage to Yemen’s Cultural Heritage**  
Michael Fradley (Oxford)  
Organised by The British-Yemeni Society in association with the London Middle East Institute

Occasional Lectures

18 Jun  
**Update on the Yemen Crisis**  
Abubakr Al-Shamahi, British-Yemeni Journalist, Al-Araby Al-Jadeed  
Chair: Robert Wilson, British-Yemeni Society  
Organised by MBI Al Jaber Foundation and the British-Yemeni Society

28 Sep  
**ISIS and the Caliphate: Uses and Abuses of History**  
Hugh Kennedy, SOAS  
Chair: Hassan Hakimian, LMEI  
Organised by the London Middle East Institute.

7 Dec  
**Women’s Rights and the Arab Uprisings**  
Ahlem Belhadj (MD, University of Tunis)  
Convened by Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)  
Organised by the Department of Development Studies, SOAS with the support of the London Middle East Institute and the SOAS Centre for Gender Studies

13 Jan  
**The Hadassah and Daniel Khalili Memorial Lecture in Islamic Art and Culture: Matisse’s Cairene Tent**  
Avinoam Shalem (Columbia University, New York)  
Chair: Scott Redford (SOAS)  
Organised by the Islamic Art Circle and the London Middle East Institute

27 Jan  
**Salafism and the Arab Uprisings**  
Francesco Cavatorta (Université Laval)  
Chair: Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)  
Organised by London Middle East Institute

09 Mar  
**Knowledge Production in the Arab World: The Impossible Promise**  
Sari Hanafi (American University of Beirut)  
Chair: Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)  
Organised by the London Middle East Institute

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**Syria’s Rebellious Women**  
Documentary screening with the director, Zaina Erhaim.  
Organised by the London Middle East Institute and the Institute of War & Peace Reporting (IWPR)

22 Jan  
**Music From Egypt & Sudan - Oxford Maqam**  
Concert organised by MARSM. Sponsored by Alaraby TV Network and hosted by the London Middle East Institute

30 Jan  
**A Night of Kurdish & Persian Traditional Music**  
Organised by the Naghmeh Ensemble in association with the London Middle East Institute

24 Feb  
**Film Screening and Q&A “Arabic Movie” (2015)**  
Organised by the Centre for Jewish Studies, SOAS and the London Middle East Institute

26 Feb  
**Sharon Dolev and the Israeli Disarmament Movement**  
Sharon Dolev (IDM), Rebecca Sharkey (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)  
Chairs: Dan Plesch (Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy) and David Wearing (SOAS)
Panel discussion organised by the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy (CISD) and London Middle East Institute

04 Mar **Diasporas of the Modern Middle East – Contextualising Community**
Anthony Gorman (University of Edinburgh), Sossie Kasbarian (Lancaster University), May Farah (America University of Beirut), Maria Holt (University of Westminster) and Haris Theodorelis-Rigas (Istos publishing, Istanbul)
Chair: Reem Abou-El-Fadl (SOAS)
Panel discussion organised by The Armenian Institute and the London Middle East Institute

05 Mar **Poetry, Music, Satire and Comedy**
Performance organised by Bonyad Jaleh Esfahani in association with the London Middle East Institute

06 Jun **London Ottoman PhD Workshop**
Organised by the Turkish Section of the NME Department, SOAS and the London Middle East Institute

25 Jun **Commemoration of Ferdowsi**
Organised by the Poetry and Music Chamber of Iranians in the UK in association with the London Middle East Institute

**LMEI Seminars on Turkey**

23 Oct **Gendering Peace and Conflict in Turkey from a Transnational Perspective**
Nadje Al-Ali (SOAS) and Latif Taş (SOAS)
Convened by Gamon McLellan (SOAS) and Yorgos Dedes (SOAS)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

13 Nov **The Recent Elections in Turkey (7 June and 1 November 2015)**
Gamon McLellan (SOAS) and Firdevs Robinson (Freelance journalist, Firdevs Talk Turkey)
Convened by Gamon McLellan (SOAS) and Yorgos Dedes (SOAS)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

11 Dec **“Cette mosquée n’est d’aucune importance pour notre art architectural.” The Balyan family and Levantine solidarity in the face of nationalis historiography in Turkey**
Alyson Wharton
Convened by Gamon McLellan (SOAS) and Yorgos Dedes (SOAS)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

29 Jan **Turkish Economy in the Post-Fed Hike, Migration Crisis, Russian Sanctions, Slowing China, and Low Oil Price Era**
Mina Toksöz (Chatham House)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

26 Feb **History in the Making or False Dawn? How Close are we to a Cyprus Agreement?**
Ioannis Grigoriadis (Bilkent University)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

11 Mar **The Law of Denial: Perinçek v. Switzerland**
Başak Ertür (Birkbeck College)
Organised by the London Middle East Institute Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank

**Briefings/Courses**

19-21 Oct **UNICEF Lebanon Briefing for Tanya Chapuisat, Incoming Lebanon Representative**

09-10 Nov **UNICEF Iran Briefing for Dr Will Parks, Incoming Iran Representative**

11-13 Jan **UNICEF Egypt Briefing for Bruno Maes, Egypt Representative**

19-24 Mar **Arabic Immersion Course**
Organised by the London Middle East Institute

**LMEI Middle East Summer School**

22 Jun-23 Jul **Intensive five-week summer school programme.**
Centre for Iranian Studies
Throughout 2015/16 the Centre for Iranian Studies continued its dual mission to engage in academic study of the Iranian world, past and present, and to celebrate Iranian culture with a wide variety of events.

Key among these was the latest in the Idea of Iran series of symposia held on the 20th February, once again organised in conjunction with the Courtauld Institute of Art and generously supported by the Soudavar Memorial Foundation (SMF). This year’s subject was Renewal in the Age of Post-Mongol Prestige, concentrating on the three periods characterising Iran between 1220 and 1381: Mongol and Turkic domination between 1220 and 1278, when Iran was attacked and exploited by the Mongols, 1287 to 1335, when Iran began to recover socially and economically and 1335 to 1381, when a number of independent regional polities manifested themselves with the decline of Ilkhanid rule. Lectures by Leonard Lewisohn (University of Exeter), Julia Rubanovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Marianna Shreve Simpson (Princeton University Art Museum) and Bernard O’Kane (American University in Cairo) were complemented by a recital by the Light of Music Ensemble, a London-based musical company specialising in traditional Iranian music, which was introduced by Narguess Farzad, Senior Fellow in Persian at SOAS.

The 3rd and 4th of February saw another prestigious Centre of Iranian Studies event: the fourth Kamran Djam Annual Lecture in a series supported by the Fereydoun Djam Charitable Trust that was set up to promote Iranian studies at SOAS. Professor Leili Anvar from the Institut des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales spoke about Poetry as the Language of Desire in her lectures on Buy-e ju-ye Muliyan: Some considerations on desire, exile and poetry from Rudaki to Rumi and The Quest of Majnun: tribulations of a lover. An academic, a radio broadcaster on spiritual issues and a poetic performer, Professor Anvar brought unique perspectives to her theme. Her lectures were consequently warmly received by SOAS students and members of the Iranian community in London alike.

The Trust also provides scholarships, which are available to students of Iranian studies at SOAS. These have attracted applications at undergraduate, masters and PhD levels. Since their inception in 2011/12, it has become evident that these scholarships will come to play an important role in sustaining Iranian studies at the School. The Iran Heritage Foundation also continued its patronage of research into Iranian studies at SOAS during 2015/16 with an extension of its fellowship programmes. Dr Rana Daroqheh was the latest IHF Visiting Fellow in Iranian Studies. During her six months at the LMEI she focused on shifting perceptions of cultural identity in Iran, giving a public lecture on Ideologies in Archaeology: Re-imagination of Iranian identity through “Dialogue among Civilisations” during the Khattami Period in March 2016, as her stay in London drew to a close. Dr Hamid Pouran returned to LMEI from October 2015 to March 2016 for a further period as an IHF Fellow in Iran’s Environmental Sustainability at SOAS. In addition to his own research, Dr Pouran guest edited the April/May 2016 issue of LMEI’s The Middle East in London which was devoted to ‘Iran’s Environmental Challenges’, addressing issues such as climate change, water and air quality and public attitudes to the environment. He also helped to convene LMEI’s Environmental Challenges in the MENA Region: The Long Road from Conflict to Cooperation conference which is to be held in October 2016 – LMEI’s major contribution to celebrations of SOAS’s centenary.

Sustained, loyal support represented by organisations such as the Soudavar Memorial Foundation and the Iran Heritage Foundation has been crucial in raising the profile, depth and range of Iranian studies at SOAS. The Centre is also keen to host one-off events and lectures. An example of this was the hosting of a lecture entitled Iran: Economic Prospects and Challenges Ahead on the 10th March by Dr Aasim M. Husain of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the implications of the US-Iran deal on the regional and global economy.
Centre for Iranian Studies Events

25 Nov  
Iranian Women’s Quest for Legal Equality Since the Constitutional Revolution  
Leila Alikarami  
Chair: Nima Mina (SOAS)  
Organised by the Department of Near and Middle East Studies and the Department of Politics and International Studies in collaboration with the Centre for Iranian Studies

09 Dec  
Strategic Depth, Counterinsurgency & the Logic of Sectarianization: Perspectives on the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Security Doctrine and Its Regional Implications  
Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi (British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies and University of Exeter)  
Chair: Nima Mina (SOAS)  
Organised by the Department of Near and Middle East Studies and the Department of Politics and International Studies in collaboration with the Centre for Iranian Studies

10 Dec  
Developing more Sustainable Urban Landscape in Iran and other Arid and Semi-Arid Climates  
James Hitchmough (University of Sheffield)  
International Seminar Series on Iran’s Environmental Sustainability at SOAS.  
Organised by Centre for Iranian Studies.  
Sponsored by the Soudavar Memorial Foundation

13 Jan  
Britain and the British Question: Iranian Nationalists and the Idea of Britain  
Ali Ansari (University of St Andrews)  
Organised by Department of Near and Middle East Studies and the Department of Politics and International Studies in collaboration with the Centre for Iranian Studies

03 Feb  
Kamran Djam Annual Lecture at SOAS: “Bûy-e jû-ye Mûliân”: Some Considerations on Exile, Desire and Poetry from Rudaki to Jâmî  
Leili Anvar (Institut des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales, Paris)  
Chair: Stefan Sperl (SOAS)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies

04 Feb  
Kamran Djam Annual Lecture at SOAS: The Quest of Majnûn: Tribulations of a Lover  
Leili Anvar (Institut des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales, Paris)  
Chair: Narguess Farzad (SOAS)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies

20 Feb  
The Idea of Iran: Renewal in the Age of Post-Mongol Prestige  
Convened by Sussan Babaie (The Courtauld Institute of Art)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies and The Courtauld Institute of Art.  
Sponsored by the Soudavar Memorial Foundation

25 Feb  
Water Security and Global Change: Gaps and Opportunities in Understanding Future Threats in Human-Water Systems  
Ali Nazemi (Concordia University, Montreal)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies.  
Sponsored by the Soudavar Memorial Foundation

10 Mar  
Iran: Economic Prospects and Challenges Ahead  
Aasim M. Husain (IMF)  
Chair: Hassan Hakimian (LMEI)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies

10 Mar  
Ideologies in Archaeology: Re-imagination of Iranian Identity through ‘Dialogue among Civilisations’ during the Khatami Period  
Rana Daroogheh (Iran Heritage Foundation (IHF) Visiting Fellow in Iranian Studies)  
Chair: Narguess Farzad (SOAS)  
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies

01 Jun  
Iranian Communities in Britain: A Research Report  
Annabelle Sreberny (SOAS) and Reza Gholami (Keele)  
Organised by Keele University and the British Council in association with the Centre for Iranian Studies

Professor Leili Anvar delivering the 2016 Kamran Djam Annual Lecture at SOAS
Centre for Palestine Studies
2015/16 has been a particularly productive year for the Centre of Palestine Studies. The Centre has supplemented established features of its programme – such as its annual lecture and postgraduate seminar – with new endeavours such as the launch of the MA in Palestine Studies, the organisation of the Centre’s first international conference and the preparation of an academic series of publications on Palestine with IB Taurus.

The first students for the new MA in Palestine Studies were enrolled in October 2015. Designed as a simultaneously disciplinary and interdisciplinary programme that provides students with an overview of the ways in which varying bodies of scholarship across and intra various disciplines engage and study Palestine, the course attracted a group of students in its first year almost all of whom already have some connection with Palestine, either having visited Palestine or having worked as activists in support of Palestinian causes. An international group, they are from the Middle East (two from Egypt, one from Lebanon, one from Jordan and one from Dubai) as well as the UK.

The Gaza Strip: its history, future and new directions for research was chosen as the subject for the Centre’s first international conference, held on 31st October 2015. In a series of panels – on food and health, hidden aggression against Gaza, representations and contestations of Gaza, media and cultural production and politics old and new – academics from the UK, the US, South Africa, Palestine and Israel examined the effects on the territory of the Israeli occupation which began in 1967, the military blockade which has been in place since 2007 and the series of increasingly violent assaults launched on the territory in recent years. Sara Roy of Harvard University gave the keynote address and joined Jean-Pierre Filiu and Ghazi Sourani on a panel discussing Gaza: Strangulation and Resilience. Dr Dina Matar organised this year’s CPS annual research seminar which was held on the 12th May: 39 postgraduates working on Palestine studies attended and 11 papers were presented.

Throughout the year the Centre’s Advisory Council under the chairmanship of Professor Gilbert Achcar has continued to work on the SOAS Palestine Studies Series which the Centre set up in partnership with the publishers IB Taurus. The first three peer-reviewed volumes have been selected and are scheduled to be published later in 2016: Toufic Haddad’s Palestine Ltd: Neoliberalism and Nationalism in the Occupied Territory, Shari Plonski’s Palestinian Citizens of Israel: Power, Resistance and the Struggle for Space and Joseph Farag’s The Palestinian Short Story in Exile: Gender, Aesthetics, Resistance. The aim is to produce approximately three volumes a year and the selection process has begun for those to be published in 2017.

CPS lectures continue to attract large audiences and the Centre’s third Annual Palestine Lecture on the 11th March was no exception. The eminent Palestinian scholar, Professor Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies and Chairman of the Department of History at Columbia University, took as his subject The Hundred Year War in Palestine, from the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to the present day, defining the period as one of the last on-going attempts at colonial subjugation in the modern world. Other popular events were a lecture given by Amira Hass, the eminent Israeli journalist, who spoke to a full house at the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre on the 29th January, and a book launch of Gaza as Metaphor, edited by Helga Tawil-Souri and Dina Matar, with a panel drawn from universities in the US and the UK on the 18th February.

On 16th February LMEI hosted a high-level delegation of Palestinian Vice Provosts and Deans who visited the UK with support from UUK and the British Council. They included representatives from Bethlehem University, Birzeit University, Palestine Polytechnic University, Al Azhar University Gaza, Islamic University Gaza, Hebron University, Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie and Al Quds Abu Dees University. The delegation was welcomed by Professor Richard Black on behalf of SOAS, Professor Gilbert Achcar as Chair of the Centre for Palestine Studies and Dr Hassan Hakimian, on behalf of LMEI, all of whom explained the various ways in which SOAS supports Palestine studies. A free-ranging discussion followed on the ways in which the universities could collaborate further in the future.
Centre for Palestine Studies Events

26 Sep  Reem Kelani Concert at SOAS
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

17 Oct  Settlers & Citizens: A Critical View of Israeli Society
Organised by the SOAS Palestine Society in association with the Centre for Palestine Studies

19 Oct  Decolonizing Palestinian Political Economy: De-development and Beyond
Mandy Turner, Omar Shweiki, Sahar Taghdisis-Rad, Mushiaq H. Khan, Mtnes Shehadeh, and Nicolas Pelham
Chair: Gilbert Achcar, (SOAS)
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

31 Oct  The Gaza Strip: History, Future and New Directions for Research
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

31 Oct  Gaza: Strangulation and Resilience
Series of talks by Ghazi Sourani (Gaza), Jean-Pierre Filiu (Paris), Sara Roy (Boston)
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

29 Jan  Israel and the Palestinians: Colonialism and Prospects for Justice
Amira Hass (Haaretz)
Chair: Karma Nabulsi (Oxford University)
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies, SOAS and the Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, University of Kent

03 Feb  Israel/Palestine/Africa: From Terra Nullius to Terra Incognita and Back
Haim Yacobi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)
Discussants: Camillo Boano (UCL) and Sharri Plonski (SOAS)
Chair: Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

18 Feb  Gaza as Metaphor
Helga Tawil-Souri (NYU), Dina Matar (SOAS), Nimer Sultany (SOAS), Khaled Hroub (Northwestern), Atef AlShaer (Westminster) and Jehad Abu Salim (NYU)
Chair: Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)
Organised by the Centre for Media Studies, SOAS and the Centre for Palestine Studies

07 Mar  Education and Colonialism: the Case of the Palestinian Citizens in Israel
Ayman K. Agbaria (Centre for Research and Evaluation in Muslim Education, UCL Institute of Education)
Chair: Nimer Sultany (SOAS)
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies

11 Mar  The Hundred Year War in Palestine
Rashid Khalidi (Columbia University)
Centre for Palestine Studies Annual Lecture
Chair: Gilbert Achcar (SOAS)
Organised by Centre for Palestine Studies

12 May  Annual Palestine Research Seminar
Organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies and Centre for Media Studies

26 May  The Politics of Occupied Pleasure: Images of Everyday Resilience and Affirmation in Times of Continuous Violence
Tanya Habjouqa and Thembi Mutch
Chair: Dina Matar (SOAS)
Panel discussion organised by the Centre for Media Studies and the Centre for Palestine Studies

Delegation of Palestinian Vice Provosts and Deans (16 February 2016)
Publications
The Middle East in London (MEL)

The Middle East in London – the LMEI’s bimonthly magazine – continued to expand the scope of its themes this year. The December 2015/January 2016 issue explored the idea of Cultural Connections, celebrating the traditions, cuisines, customs and forms of artwork that transcend borders and link the West and the Middle East. Next came the February/March issue, edited by Jane Lewisohn, which focused on Persian Music in both the past and the present. The April/May issue saw the magazine revisit the topic of the environment (first covered more generally in February/March 2015), this time specifically in respect to Iran’s Environmental Sustainability. The issue included articles discussing the Paris Climate Change Conference, water security, air quality and the impact of tourism in Iran. For June/July the Migrant and Refugee Crisis was spotlighted, with a variety of articles ranging from first hand accounts of life in refugee camps to migration, the economy and security to migration museums and the arts. For the autumn months the magazine is planning a special issue to celebrate the SOAS Centenary. This issue is intended to be critical, reflective and forward thinking; it will be double the length of a normal issue.

After half a year of research and deliberation, the magazine opted to create several webpages on the SOAS website. These webpages went live in March and include:
• a home page with information about The Middle East in London
• an archive where past issues can be downloaded, publicly, as PDFs
• a photo gallery where winning entries from the magazine’s Photo Competition are featured
• a blog page where articles from recent issues are presented to generate interest

These pages can be accessed by visiting https://www.soas.ac.uk/lmei/meil/

Currently, the magazine’s fourth annual photo competition is underway. In keeping with past precedent, the winners are likely to be announced in the December 2016/January 2017 issue.

And, finally, this year the editorial board bid a warm farewell to Kathryn Spellman-Poots, Sarah Searight and Ionis Thompson. The magazine benefited greatly from their expertise, dedication and professionalism. We wish them success in all their future endeavours.
The Routledge Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa Series

Series Editor: Hassan Hakimian, LMEI
Published by Routledge

Launched in 2003, the Routledge Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa Series is devoted to widening in-depth analysis and understanding of the economic and political dynamics of the region. It has been established as a respected source of academic research and publication for MENA students and scholars who are keen to disseminate their latest research on this area.

The aim of the Series is to publish both specialist and more general titles pertaining to the political economy of the Middle East and North Africa region – broadly defined as including countries from Morocco to Iran. The Series is overseen by an international Editorial Board (see list below) whose members possess a broad range of expertise and areas of specialism.

Submissions from prospective authors are welcomed, and should be sent in the first instance to the series editor (H.Hakimian@soas.ac.uk). The series is open to single-authored books as well as edited volumes and textbooks. All manuscripts are subject to international standards of peer review.

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Visiting Scholars
Before joining the LMEI as a Visiting Reseacher for her PhD thesis in December 2014, Amel Chetibi was Assistant Professor at University Constantine 2 in Algeria. Her research focused on international economics and in particular the economies of the MENA region with a focus on North Africa. Since completing a comparative study of the global financial crisis of 2008 and the Great Depression of 1929 for her Magister dissertation at University Constantine 2, she has been working on the political economy of privatisation in Algeria as part of her MSc at SOAS. Chetibi’s current research looks at the problems associated with industrialisation and specialisation in Algeria’s rentier economy.

Shirin is currently a librarian and PhD student at the University of British Columbia. She joined the LMEI in October 2015 for a period of three months during which her research explored the possibility of creating an oral history project involving entrepreneurs from the Iranian diaspora. Shirin also spent a term at the London School of Economics as part of her PhD work in Asian Studies, focusing on Japanese and Gender Studies.

Kota Suechika joined the LMEI in October 2015. He is a Professor at the College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. His work has focused on Islam and Politics in the Arab Middle East, particularly in Syria and Lebanon. Professor Suechika is currently conducting various research projects examining democratisation, regional security and foreign policies in the Middle East and in particular a project on Rashid Rida and the Syrian Independence Movement in the Interwar Period: towards a new approach to the analysis of the political thought and movements in contemporary Syria. He also serves as a Councillor of the Japanese Association for Middle East Studies (JAMES) and is a Board Member of the Japanese Association for Comparative Politics (JACP).

Hungtae Yoo joined the LMEI as a Visiting Scholar in February 2015, prior to which he was a member of the planning committee and facilitator of the Provincial Government of Gyeongsangbuk-Do’s Korea Silkroad Project. His work on the Project led him to develop a keen interest in the Silkroad and his current research explores the historical relations between Iran and South Korea dating back to the time of the ancient Silkroad. Dr Yoo’s interests also include the religions and history of ancient Persia and contemporary Iranian politics. For his Masters he conducted a study on relation between Zoroastrianism and Iranian Islamic Revolution: focusing on Zoroastrian dualistic conflict at HUFS (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) in South Korea and he carried out a comparative study on the role of government and civil society in socio-economic development of South Korea and Iran (1961-1979) for his Doctoral dissertation at the University of Isfahan in Iran.
Research Associates

George Joffé
Areas of Interest: International Relations and Geopolitics of the Middle East and North Africa.

Hamid Keshmirshekan
Areas of Interest: Twentieth and twentieth-first century art from the Middle East.

Corinna Mullin
Areas of Interest: International Relations Theory, Political Islam, Politics of the Middle East.

Sami Zubaida
Areas of Interest: Mediterranean, Ottoman, culinary cultures, boundaries, nationalism, religion.

Centre for Iranian Studies

Rana Daroogheh, Iran Heritage Foundation (IHF) Visiting Fellow in Iranian Studies

Rana Daroogheh was IHF Visiting Fellow from October 2015 to March 2016. Dr Daroogheh received her PhD from Durham University in 2014 with a thesis that centred on a critical analysis of the historiography of Iranian archaeology and in particular the role of nationalism in the formation of the discipline from the Qajar to contemporary periods. Her interests include the history and politics of archaeology; Iranian nationalism and national identity; reconstruction of the past in the Middle East; Theoretical approaches. Rana’s current research focuses on the underestimated role of archaeology as an instrument that facilitated the construction of a new identity in Iran under the doctrine of ‘Dialogue among Civilisations’ put forward by President Khatami (r. 1997-2005 AD).

Hamid Pouran, Iran Heritage Foundation (IHF) Visiting Fellow in Iran’s Environmental Sustainability

Hamid Pouran was the first IHF Visiting Fellow in Iran’s Environmental Sustainability in 2014/15 and returned for a second six-month term in October 2015. Dr Pouran’s research background is in environmental pollution, in particular biogeochemistry and, prior to joining SOAS as a visiting fellow, he was senior Research Associate at Lancaster University. He was also part of Transatlantic Imitative for Nanotechnology and the Environment (TINE), an international consortium of UK and US universities. During his fellowship Pouran has concentrated on disseminating information about the current environmental challenges facing Iran. He was also the guest editor of The Middle East in London magazine’s April-May 2016 issue which focused on Iran’s environmental challenges (Vol. 12, No. 3).
Summer School

The LMEI held its fourth Middle East Summer School in 2016 which was further expanded to include a fourth course on Beginners Persian Language alongside its Beginners Arabic Language course (at introductory or intermediate levels), ‘Government and Politics of the Middle East’ and ‘Culture and Society in the Middle East’.

This year’s Summer School followed on from last year’s success with twenty-two students from both within the UK and overseas taking part in the programme.

Comments from students included:

‘The Summer School has by far exceeded my high expectations… It was truly an enlightening programme!’

‘It was a fantastic experience and I am very grateful for having taken part in it.’

‘…the length of the courses was perfect and I learnt much more than I expected.’
PHD Theses on the Middle East
# PHD Theses on the Middle East Completed at SOAS in 2015-2016

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Acknowledgements
In 2015/16, as in previous years, LMEI entertained ambitious plans for a wide variety of events, academic and cultural. It would have been impossible for the Institute’s small staff to have succeeded in staging all of these without the assistance of many helpers. Thanks must go to all the SOAS staff who have supported the LMEI over the year: the Conference Office, the Caterers, the AV and IT departments, SOAS photographer Glenn Ratcliffe, the Print Room, Post Room and Estates Department. Particular thanks are due to Jane Wood for her assistance with the Institute’s finances.
Financial Statement
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 July 2015

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The Statement of Financial Activity includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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