

Dear Madame, dear Sir, dear colleague and friend,

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Best regards,

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www.ceraw.uni-mainz.de Centre for Research on the Arab World (CERAW), University of Mainz,

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1. Workshop: "The Idea of Chivalry in the Persianate World", British Institute of Persian Studies, London,
13 April 2012

The workshop is organised and chaired by Lloyd Ridgeon (Glasgow University). For information on the <http://www.bips.ac.uk/story/the-idea-of-chivalry-in-the-persianate-wo> program and registration see [rld](#)

2. Workshop: "The Qur'an and Adab Traditions", Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, 24–26 April 2012

This workshop aims to examine the use of and different responses to the Qur'an and its narratives in the works of the udaba' of the 9th–15th centuries. It will explore the diverse ways in which udaba' in the classical period employed the concepts, stories, images, and language of the Qur'an. A larger aim of the colloquium is to investigate how the Qur'an shaped the concept of adab itself, and the ways of thinking or ethical values which adab works attempted to construct, and which were appropriated to a wider framework.

for the http://iis.ac.uk/view_article.asp?ContentID=113297 Convenor: Nuha al-Sha'ar. Visit programme and abstracts.

3. Workshop: "Russian Orientalism to Soviet Iranology: The Persian-speaking World and its History through Russian Eyes"

Organised by St Antony's College, University of Oxford. Supported by Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute and the Iran Heritage Foundation. Convened by Professor Edmund Herzig and Dr Stephanie Cronin

The Soviet Union possessed a long tradition of Iranian Studies, a tradition which it inherited from imperial Russia but transformed to suit its sense of its own historical mission. This tradition had its origins within the framework of Russian Orientalism as this developed during the nineteenth century age of imperial expansion. After 1921, under the auspices of the new Soviet regime, Iranology grew into an extensive and well-organized field, producing large quantities of books and articles every year. Despite the reputation acquired by individual Russian scholars of Iran such as Vladimir Minorsky, this tradition of scholarship remains largely unknown in the West. Little has been translated and Russian is

not conventionally seen as a language necessary for scholars of Iran.

This workshop proposes a re-examination of this tradition, taking, as its disciplinary focus, Russian/Soviet historical research on Iran and the Persian-speaking world. It has three objectives. It seeks to acquaint a wider audience in western Europe and the US with the work of Russian/Soviet scholars of the history of Iran and the Persian-speaking world; to initiate a discussion of possible new directions in historical research on this region opened up by the wider availability of Russian source materials, and to begin to integrate an analysis of Russian/Soviet Iranian Studies into the critique of Russian Orientalism, derived from Edward Said, which has emerged since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Extended deadline for submissions: 9th April 2012. Please submit title and abstracts of not more than Stephanie.cronin@orinst.ox.ac.uk 250 words of proposed papers to Stephanie Cronin –

4. Journée doctorale des étudiants du Centre d'Histoire sociale de l'Islam méditerranéen : "Dire l'islam, entendre l'islam. Les acteurs de la pensée musulmane (XIXe-XXIe siècles)", EHESS, Paris, 21 mai 2012

Axe 1 : Renaissance du mouvement intellectuel; Axe 2 : Mouvements migratoires, circulations entre terre d'islam et Europe ; Axe 3 : Discours et pratiques de la résistance
2e thème : Les acteurs de l'islam et le lieu de leurs discours (XXe-XXIe siècles).
Axe 1 : Entre réformisme et fondamentalisme ; Axe 2 : L'effort intellectuel hors des terres d'islam ; Axe 3 : Nouvelles formes de prédication, du prêche en assemblée à l'islam 2.0.

La journée doctorale pluri- et transdisciplinaire, accueillera les approches anthropologiques, ethnologiques, historiques, géographiques, socio-économiques et sociologiques. Intervention 20 mn au cours de tables rondes, commentées par des discutants.

Les étudiants souhaitant y participer peuvent envoyer une présentation de leur proposition de journeedocorale.chsim2012@gmail.com communication jusqu'au 20 avril 2012 par mail à :

Comité d'organisation: Sebastien PATAcq, Alienor CADIOT, Laurent DAMESIN, Lucie DUHAMEL, Carl-Loris RASCHEL, Naim JEANBART, Hinde MAGHNOUJI, Kahina MAZARI, Nadia TALATA

5. International Colloquium: "Arab Armed Forces and Arab Revolutions", Rennes, 30 June 2012

Ce colloque international, organisé par le Centre de Recherches des Ecoles de Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan (CREC, Guer, 56) et par son pôle de recherches « actions globales et forces terrestres » cherche à répondre aux problématiques posées par les révolutions arabes sur les questions de défense, et ce dans une perspective comparative avec d'autres armées dans le monde.

The ongoing revolutions or unrest in the Arab world underline the crucial roles of the domestic armed forces in the political changes which can affect the Arab states. Even if these countries have been (or

are still) ruled by governments or political leaders from the armed forces, the current changes are taking place in different political contexts and structures. As a matter of fact, these armed forces played different role and have different relationships with the state and with their own social environment. Despite this large spectrum or variety of military–state profile, several common questions raise. Who are these Armed Forces? Why were they considered for many years as a minor actor or a major one on the domestic political theater? What future role can the militaries play in what is supposed to be a new political era? How can the civilians–militaries evolve?

Abstracts should be sent, by e–mail, to the coordinators, Saïd Haddad and Marie Baize–Robache, at the not later than 30 June armees.revolutionsarabes@st-cyr.terre-net.defense.gouv.fr following e–mail: 2012.

<http://calenda.revues.org/nouvelle23362.html> Information:

POSITIONS

6. Position: Research Associate /Research Fellow in the Islamic Studies/Shi'i Islam, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London Euston

The IIS seeks to recruit a Research Associate /Research Fellow in the general area of Islamic Studies with a knowledge of Shi'i Islam to assist in the development of its educational materials. The IIS is developing educational materials on Muslim societies and civilisations. These materials seek to inspire and challenge young adults in the faith, ethics, history, and cultures of Muslim peoples. The materials take a multidisciplinary, civilisational, and humanistic approach to the study of Islam including content from history, the arts, architecture, literature, science, economics, law, philosophy and education. The materials draw on sound scholarly sources and the best educational principles.

The Research Associate/Research Fellow will contribute towards the development of educational materials along the lines indicated above. Responsibilities will include researching specific content in Islamic Studies in both primary and secondary sources and writing and editing specific sections of educational materials.

The ideal candidate will have a PhD in Islamic Studies with special reference to Shi'i Islam. The candidate will also have excellent writing skills in the English language. A grounding in the civilisational and humanistic aspects of Islam is desirable. Candidates will have significant post–graduate research experience with a strong record of publications.

(Job Vacancies link) where you can also download the job www.iis.ac.uk Please apply online at description and person specification. If you have any queries, please email Caroline Gomez in Human Resources at the IIS. Closing date: 10 April cgomez@iis.ac.uk

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7. Two Outreach PhD Studentships in Islamic Studies, University of Edinburgh

www.alwaleed.ed.ac.uk The HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World (

) is offering two Outreach PhD studentships, for research on any of the three themes on which it works, namely Islamic Civilisation, Muslims in Britain, and The World of Islam and the West.

Preference may be given to research proposals focusing on Muslims in Scotland, for example mapping the development of Muslim communities in Glasgow.

Tuition fees plus stipend of £13,590 p.a. rising with inflation. Closing date 27 April 2012. Further www.alwaleed.ed.ac.uk details, including of application procedure, at

8. Lord Kelvin Adam Smith Fellow in Religious Studies, University of Glasgow

The University is offering research fellowship appointments as part of a major programme of investment in the University's future research portfolio. Our fellowship packages are aimed at attracting outstanding researchers and providing them with support and mentoring to develop their own careers within our world-leading research environment.

At Glasgow, fellowship holders will benefit from a proven peer group mentoring programme and have the opportunity to be transferred to an open ended lecturing contract, subject to performance and strategic fit.

Our fellowships are open to exceptional candidates from any discipline, including those with clinical qualifications, and are available in all four of our Colleges: Arts; Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences; Science and Engineering; Social Sciences.

The Role: To develop, conduct and publish research in the field of 'Religious Studies with a focus on the Islamic world' taking the lead or working in collaboration with colleagues, including management of the research programme; development and submission of research funding applications and conduct and publication of research at international level.

www.gla.ac.uk/kelvinsmit Ref: 001722. Salary: £31,948 – £35,938 per annum. For more information: [hfellows](http://www.gla.ac.uk/hfellows)

www.glasgow.ac.uk/jobs To apply for the Lord Kelvin Adam Smith Fellowship positions please visit

The closing date for the first round 31 May 2012.

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AEE560/lord-kelvin-adam-smith-fellow-in-religious-studies/> Information

9. Eight Doctoral Scholarships Graduate Program for Transcultural Studies of the Cluster of Excellence, Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Heidelberg University

The Graduate Programme for Transcultural Studies (GPTS) is a structured doctoral programme within the interdisciplinary research environment of the Cluster. The programme's institutional reference is

the Karl Jaspers Centre (KJC), situated at Heidelberg University.

Doctoral students are taught by scholars working within the Cluster and thereby have access to a vibrant international scholarly community. The doctoral programme offers

- a) an introduction to theories and methodologies of transcultural studies,
- b) access to a well-equipped work environment supported by European and Asian institutions,
- c) participation in the gathering of textual and non-textual source material,
- d) support of doctoral projects which are linked to the broad research fields pursued by the Cluster.

Deadline for application: 15 May 2012, Start on November 2012.

<http://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/en/gpts> Information
application-gpts@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de Mail to:

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10. Course: "Introduction to Ottoman Epigraphy", Koc University – University of Chicago Summer Course, Istanbul, 9 – 20 July 2012

This course will offer a broad chronological survey of Ottoman inscriptions, from the earliest Ottoman inscriptions of the fourteenth century through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Combining lectures, thematic explorations and seminar presentations, the course will feature numerous guided site visits throughout Istanbul. Students will also have the chance to visit Bursa to study inscriptions of critical historical importance in situ.

Introduction to Ottoman Epigraphy is designed for graduate students with advanced knowledge of Ottoman Turkish. A working knowledge of Arabic will be necessary to analyze early Ottoman inscriptions.

[cdere](#) Deadline for applications is 30 April 2012. If you have any inquiries, please contact Cicek Dereli (li@ku.edu.tr). More information on this program will be available at <http://oip.ku.edu.tr/ottoman-epigraphy/home>

11. Support for Individual Arab Researches and Arab Research Groups in Social Sciences

The Arab Reform Initiative (ARI), established in 2005, is an association of 11 Arab research institutes and 6 institutes in Europe and the US. One of ARI's main objectives is to enhance the capacity of social science research in Arab countries. The Arab Research Support Program (ARSP) is a concrete instrument to advance ARI's core objective of enhancing the capacity of social science research in Arab countries.

<http://www.arab-reform.net/spip.php?ru> The ARSP is made up of two strands: ARSP-INDIVIDUAL (see [brique117](#)) which supports individual researchers and ARSP-INSTITUTIONAL (see

<http://www.arab-reform.net/spip.php?rubrique118>

) which supports nascent and consolidated Arab research groups, centers and networks.

There is no specific deadline as Arab Research Support Programme continuously reviews incoming proposals.

12. IBEI Summer School: "Mediterranean Politics and International Relations", Barcelona, 16–20 July 2012

The objective of IBEI's Summer School is to offer different short courses on significant topics in international relations and the mediterranean area, taught by experts of international prestige. The direction and coordination of the summer school will be provided by Prof. Pere Vilanova (Universitat de Barcelona-IBEI).

The summer school is aimed at graduate students, professors and researchers in the areas of political science, economics, and international relations and international studies who are interested in learning first-hand about the latest advances in research on Mediterranean politics and international relations.

www.ibei.org Further information and registration form can be found at