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I am a British Cold War historian and doctoral researcher at the University of Leeds. My doctoral project, funded by the White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH) in association with the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), is entitled: ‘British Colonial Security and the Cold War in Asia: Intelligence, Defence and Counter-Subversion in Hong Kong, Singapore and the Borneo Territories, 1948-62’. My other research interests include British involvement in the Cold War in the Middle East and counterinsurgency in South-East Asia. I have previously been published by the *Yonsei Journal of International Studies* and have an article accepted for forthcoming publication with *Middle Eastern Studies* evaluating the role of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company during the first Cold War crisis over Iran. In 2014 I graduated with First Class Honours in International History and Politics at the University of Leeds, and earned an MA in Modern History with Distinction at the same institution in 2015.

**Qualifications:**

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| Institution | Dates | Degree Title | Classification |
| *University of Leeds* | *10/2015-ongoing* | *PhD History* |  |
| University of Leeds | 09/2014-09/2015 | MA Modern History | Distinction |
| University of Leeds | 09/2011-07/2014 | BA International History and Politics | First Class Honours |

**Articles in preparation/under consideration:**

“British Counterinsurgency in Brunei and Sarawak, 1962-63: Developing Best Practices in the Shadow of Malaya” (submitted for consideration to *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, November 2015)

“Sir Reader Bullard, Frank Roberts and the Azerbaijan Crisis of 1945-46: British Officials, Perceptions, and the Adoption of a Cold War Mentality in British Soviet Policy” (submitted for consideration to *Cold War History*, November 2015)

**Forthcoming peer-reviewed articles:**

“‘Strong, United and Independent’: The British Foreign Office, Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Internationalisation of Iranian Politics at the Dawn of the Cold War, 1945-46,” *Middle Eastern Studies* (forthcoming February 2016)

**Published peer-reviewed articles:**

“‘We Have Just About Had It’: Jack Slessor, the Foreign Office, and the Anglo-American Strategic Debate over Escalation of the Korean War, 1950-51,” *Yonsei Journal of International Studies* 6, no. 2 (2014): 294-317, <http://theyonseijournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/e1.pdf>

**Conference papers:**

“‘Perfidious Albion? Britain, the United States and Triangular Diplomacy with the Qavam Government in Iran, 1946-47,” *Eleventh Biennial International Society for Iranian Studies Conference* (Vienna, forthcoming August 2016)

 “‘Strong, United and Independent’: Great Britain, the Communist Challenge and the Internationalisation of Iranian Politics, 1945-46,” *Symposia Iranica* (Cambridge, 2015)

**Prizes and Awards**

WRoCAH AHRC Doctoral Studentship (2015-18)

University of Leeds School of History Marion Sharples Prize (2014-15) for the best dissertation by a taught MA student in the School of History

University of Leeds School of History MA Scholarship (2014-15)

University of Leeds School of History Outstanding Achievement Award (2013-14) for the best overall performance by a final-year student parented by the School of History

University of Leeds School of History Special Subject Prize (2013-14) for the best performance in a History Special Subject by a student parented by the School of History

University of Leeds John Taylor History Prize (2012-13) for the best overall performance by a second-year student parented by the School of History

University of Leeds John Cox History Prize (2011-12) for the best overall performance by a first-year student parented by the School of History