

## OVERVIEW

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Employment History: 1) Academic and 2) Mine action, peacekeeping, policy

**1. Academic career:** 10+-year academic career as Islamic historian. Contributing to change in the field by balancing coverage of regions and language (through integration of Persian and other Eastern Islamicate language texts as evidence bases) and by pioneering use of field-tested digital methodologies and conceptual models.

#### Positions held:

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| 2019-present | Programme Director and Senior Research Fellow, Invisible East programme, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford            |
| 2013-19      | Lecturer in Medieval History, History, University of Birmingham  |
| 2014-19      | Associate Faculty Member, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford   |
| 2011-present | Member of Senior Common Room, Corpus Christi College, Oxford   |
| 2011-15      | (Senior) Leverhulme Research Officer and Co-Director, Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage Project (BACH), University of Oxford |
| 2011-present | Associate Member, Corpus Christi College, Oxford   |
| 2011         | Tutor, Sarah Lawrence Programme, Wadham College, Oxford  |
| 2010-2012    | Senior Teaching Fellow, History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London                              |

**2. Mine action, peacekeeping, policy career:** 15+-year career in strategy and policy making, resource mobilisation, coordination and political analysis for UN peacekeeping and development, with lived experiences (short and long missions), including in mine action, in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Brazil, Cambodia, Egypt, Iraq, Laos, Sudan, and Timor Leste. Transferable skills from academia in board memberships and trusteeships, public speaking, recruitment, teaching, UK and EU fundraising, and outreach (UK-based and international).

#### Positions held:

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| 2008-2013 | Senior Adviser, International Security Sector Assistance Team of the <b>Democratic Control of the Armed Forces</b> (ISSAT/DCAF), Geneva                 |
| 2008-2009 | Senior Adviser, <b>UN Police Division</b> , New York  |
| 2006-2008 | Adviser, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York  |
| 2003-2005 | Policy Coordinator & Resource Mobilisation Officer, <b>United Nations Mine Action Service</b> , Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York         |
| 2002-2003 | Researcher, King's College London, International Policy Institute, London   |
| 2001-2002 | Deputy Head of Policy and Planning, <b>UN Transitional Administration in East Timor</b> , Dili. Planned UN mission with annual budget of \$455 million. |
| 2000-2001 | Associate General Assembly Affairs Officer, <b>UN Department of General Assembly Affairs</b> , New York   |
| 1999-2000 | Policy Adviser, <b>UN Mission in Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</b> , Sarajevo & Travnik, Bosnia-Herzegovina  |

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| 1998      | Strategy Consultant, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Regional Office for Latin America & Caribbean, São Paulo, Brazil          |
| 1997-1998 | Maternal and Child Health Adviser, Pastoral da Criança—Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst Cooperation Project, Recife, Brazil |
| 1996-1997 | Associate Civil Affairs Officer, UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina   |
| 1995-1996 | Network Coordinator, The Mega Cities Project, New York  |
| 1994      | Consultant, UNICEF, Kathmandu, Nepal  |
| 1993      | Consultant, UN Dept for Economic and Social Affairs, New York   |

### Education: Advanced Study

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| 2006-2010 | University of Oxford, U.K.<br>M.St. and D.Phil. D.Phil. thesis: “ <i>Fadā’il-i Balkh: A text, scholars and the city in pre-Mongol Central Asia.</i> ” Supervisors: Profs Edmund Herzig and Deborah Klimburg-Salter |
| 1993-1995 | Columbia University, New York, U.S.<br>Master in International Affairs & Master in Public Health   |
| 1990-1992 | Boston University, Boston, U.S.<br>B.A. in Political Science & B.S. in Journalism  |
| 1988-1990 | University of Hamburg, Political Science (transfer to Boston)  |

### Languages:

- Fluent speaker of **English, German, French, Portuguese and Persian.**
- Conversant in Spanish and reading skills in Arabic.

## RESEARCH

### 1. a. Programme Management and Research Grants (Ongoing)

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| <b>2020-2025</b> | <p><b>Programme Director, Invisible East, Oriental Studies, Oxford</b><br/>Integrating the activities of team of six researchers as one interdisciplinary team, produce strategic, policy and operational frameworks for the <b>world’s first digital corpus of eastern Islamicate texts</b>, including of administrative and legal documents and literary fragments from the eastern Islamicate world (Iran, Afghanistan, Central Asia and western China), in order to explore relations between the diverse confessional, ethnic and linguistic communities in the region—Muslims, Jews, Zoroastrians, Buddhists and followers of local cults. The programme investigates the legal, economic and political foundations upon which the eventual Islamisation of the communities rested; the way languages influenced the nature, extent and results of Islamisation; and variations in those foundations and interactions from time to time c. 700-c.1280, and from place to place within the region.</p> <p><b>Principal Investigator, ERC-Going Local in the Perso-Islamic Lands (GO.LOCAL)</b>— Budget: £ 1,470,090. Funded by European Research Council (ERC): Research project is developing open access digital corpus of 200 medieval “Afghan Geniza” texts in Persian, Judeo-Persian and Arabic, and 800 documents in Bactrian, Sogdian, Khotanese and Middle Persian from the medieval Islamicate East. I translate 300 Persian medieval texts from the Islamicate East that have been largely untouched by scholarship. <b>The research makes new contributions to our understanding of the evolution of Islam and Islamic society, multiculturalism and multilingualism in the Islamicate East. I will author a new monograph</b></p> |
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for the 2028 REF and oversee the drafting of other field-altering publications that put the Islamicate East on the map in a field that has been dominated by studies of the Islamicate West (Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Egypt). I will make major contributions through the incorporation of Persian texts to the growing field of Islamicate digital humanities. The latter will allow me to chart the use and reuse of medieval Iranian texts and their connection to other texts.

- 2019-2023**      **Principal Investigator, AHRC-Persian in Documents: Language and Islamisation in the pre-Mongol Eastern Islamic Lands (PersDoc)** – Budget: £790,000. Funded by Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC): Research project with core team of five will prepare corpus of subset of Persian Afghan Geniza texts, and carry out impact work (podcasts and educational outreach)
- 2019-2021**      **Alexander von Humboldt Experienced Researcher Fellow**, Freie University Berlin (Mar-Aug 2019 and Summer 2021), nine months stipend and research grant (£4,500): Research project focusses on the diplomatics and Arabic documents of the Afghan Geniza set of medieval documents
- 2019-20**        **Bahari Visiting Fellow**, Bodleian Library, analysing and translating Bodleian manuscript Ms.Ouseley 217 entitled *Kitab-i akhbar-i barmakiyan Tarikh-i Barmaki*. The codex consists of 116 folios written in Persian *nasta'liq* script by Zia Barani (fl. 1284-1356) that is dedicated to the Delhi Sultan Firuz Shah. A book publication is in progress, together with Dr Pejman Firoozbakhsh from my Invisible East Team, that is two-thirds complete.

### 1. b. Programme Management and Research Grants (Past)

- 2011-2015**      Co-Director, BACH Project: Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage - Exploration, Maps and Silk-Road History from Balkh, N. Afghanistan (<http://balkhheritage.org>), hosted by the University of Oxford, PI: E. Herzig. Budget: £254,000. Funded by Leverhulme Trust. Chief architect (based on my D.Phil.), fieldwork management and diplomacy with Afghan ministries heritage organisations. Developed capacity building programme for 400 Afghan colleagues working in cultural heritage.

### 2. Publications (*asterisks indicate 6 most significant*)

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#### **Books**

2021 **Azad, A.** et al. *Faḍā'il-i Balkh or the Merits of Balkh: Annotated translation with commentary and introduction of the oldest surviving history of Balkh in Afghanistan*. Gibb Memorial Trust: Oxbow Books/Casemate.

2013 **Azad, A.** *Sacred Landscape in Medieval Afghanistan: Revisiting the Faḍā'il-i Balkh*. Oxford Oriental Monograph Series. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ali Mir-Ansari, Ed Herzig, **A. Azad**. *Faḍā'il-i Balkh. Revised Edition*. Tehran: Great Encyclopaedia of Islam, together with Gibb Memorial Trust. [In press]

**Azad, A.** et al. (eds) *Early Islamic Balkh: History, Landscape and Material Culture*. Under contract with Bloomsbury Press/I.B. Tauris. [In press]

#### **Book Chapters**

2021 **Azad, A.** The Ecology and Economy of Khurasan in the 7th-8th Century. In ed. A. Marsham, *The Umayyad World*. Routledge Worlds Series. London: Routledge: 332-54.

2020 **Azad, A.** A Multi-Religious City in Khurāsān Converts to Islam? Shaykh al-Islām Abū Bakr ‘Abd Allāh al-Wā‘iz. al-Balkhī (fl. 610/1214). In eds. N. Hurvitz, C. Sahner, U. Simonsohn, L. Yarbrough, *Conversion to Islam in the Premodern Age – A Source Book*. University of California Press: 88-93.

2019 **Azad, A.** & H. Kennedy, The Coming of Islam to Balkh. In eds. A. Delattre, M. Legendre and P. Sijpesteijn, *Authority and Control in the Countryside: From Antiquity to Islam in the Mediterranean and Near East (Sixth-Tenth Century)*. Leiden: Brill: 284-310.

2016 **Azad, A.** The Caliphate and Afghanistan: Integrating Islam in Afghan Society (A.D. 709-871). In ed. N. Green, *From Sufis to Taliban: Trajectories of Islam in Afghanistan*. Berkeley: University of California Press: 41-55.

2010 **Azad, A.** Possible Tibetan Buddhist Heritage. In eds. A. Akasoy et al, *Islam and Tibet – Interactions Along the Musk Routes*. Aldershot: Ashgate: 209-230.

**Azad, A.** Notes on Islamisation Narratives in the *Faḍā’il-i Balkh*. In eds. D. G. Tor and M. Inaba, *Iran and Central Asia in the First Millennium: Continuity and Change from the Pre-Islamic to the Islamic Period*. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press. [In press]

**Azad, A.** and P. Firoozbakhsh. ‘No One Can Give You Protection’ – The Reversal of Protection in a Persian Decree Dated 562/1167. In *Acts of Protection in Early Islamicate Societies*. Paris: Annales islamologiques. [In press]

### **Encyclopaedia Entries**

2021 Karakoram. In *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (<http://https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/browse/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3>) [in press]  
 2021 Tahirids. In *Encyclopaedia of Ancient History* (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781444338386>) [in press]  
 2013 Faza’el-e Balkh. In *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (<http://iranicaonline.org>)

### **Book Reviews**

For *Medieval Archaeology* 64/2 (2020): 392-3: Review of *Empires and Exchanges in Eurasian Late Antiquity. Rome, China, Iran, and the Steppe, ca. 250–750*, ed. N. di Cosmo and M. Maas. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

For *Reading Religion*, 04/03/2020: Review of *The Excellence of the Arabs by Ibn Qutaybah*, ed. James Montgomery, trans. S. B. Savant and P. Webb. Library of Arabic Literature. New York: NYU Press, 2017. [<https://readingreligion.org/books/excellence-arabs>].

For *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139/2 (2019): 523-5: Review of *Samarqand et le Sughd à l’époque ‘abbāsside: Histoire politique et sociale*, by Y. Karev. *Studia Iranica, Cahiers*, vol. 55. Paris, 2015.

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

2016 **Azad, A.** Living Happily Ever After - Fraternal Polyandry and “the House” in the Bactrian Documents. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79/1 (2016): 33-56.

2015 **Azad, A.** In Memoriam: Clifford Edmund Bosworth. *‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā* 23 (November 2015): 167-78.

2015 Yastrebova, O. & **Azad, A.** Reflections on an Orientalist - Aleksandr Kun, the Man and his Legacy. *Iranian Studies* 48.5: 675-94.

2013 **Azad, A.** Female Mystics in Mediaeval Islam: The Quiet Legacy. *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient* 56 (2013): 53-88.

2012 **Azad, A.** The *Faḍā'il-i Balkh* and its Place in Islamic Historiography. *Iran* 50 (2012): 79-102.

### **Non-Academic Publications**

2007 **Azad, A.**, Mayer-Rieckh, A., Rumin, S. *Census and Identification of Security Personnel. A Tool Book for Practitioners*. New York: The International Center for Transitional Justice, 2007. <https://www.ictj.org/publications>

2006 **Azad, A.** *Post-Conflict Response Coordination - The Case of the United Nations Mine Action Service: Lessons Learned*. New York: Peacekeeping Best Practices Section, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, June 2006. <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/1F273DD06AE33C1EC12572840055820E-dpko-coordination-jun06.pdf>

2003 Goldstone, A., A. Mayer-Rieckh, **A. Azad**, et al, "4. East Timor," in N. Dahrendorf (ed), *A Review of Peace Operations: A Case for Change*. London: Conflict, Security and Development Group, King's College, 2003. Contributor to the study on East Timor. <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/94B0FD1A8877A55FC1256D080046EF36-kings-peace-03.pdf>

### **3. Doctoral Student Supervisions**

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| 2020-present | Meredith Morrison: Persian Panegyric: Qaṣīda in the Court of Sultan Sanjar. Co-supervision. Oxford Nizami Ganjavi Scholar, Oriental Studies, Oxford.                                    |
| 2015-2018    | Gemma Masson: The Urban Janissary in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul. Co-supervision. Awarded Gibb Memorial Trust for the Centenary Scholarship. PhD awarded September 2019.                |
| 2016-2018    | Li Wanchun: A Study of the Relations Between the Arab Caliphate and Other Political Entities in Transoxania from 705 AD to the 810s AD. Co-supervised, transferred to SOAS for funding. |

### **4. External invitations to speak (last 10 years only)**

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| 2021 | <b>A. Azad</b> , School of Abbasid Studies Feature Event Speaker, "A History of the Barmakids: The View from the Islamicate East," 16 July.  |
| 2021 | <b>A.Azad</b> , Persian Arts of the Book Conference Speaker, "Deciphering the Bodleian's <i>Akhbār-i Barmakiyān</i> ," Bodleian Library, 13 July.  |
| 2021 | <b>A.Azad</b> , International Association of Afghan Studies/Sussex Asia Centre Lecture, "New Research on Afghan Documents," 29 June.   |
| 2021 | <b>A. Azad</b> , Gloucestershire Historical Society, "The Barmakids: Islam, Multiculturalism and Power seen through the story of the most celebrated and enigmatic families in early Islam," 10 May. |
| 2021 | <b>A. Azad</b> , Speaker at Opening of Exhibition on "Annemarie Schimmel: Wissenschaftlerin, Sprachgenie, Dichterin und Freundesammlerin," University of Marburg, 21 April 2021.                     |
| 2021 | <b>A.Azad</b> , "Unheard Voices from Eastern Iran and the Islamicate East," British Institute of Persian Studies Lecture, 22 April 2021.   |

- 2020 **A. Azad**, “Of Panegyrics and commerce: Jews and Muslims in 11th Century Afghanistan.” David Patterson Lecture. Oxford, 3 December 2020.
- 2020 **A. Azad**, “The Invisible East Programme.” At Conference on “Contesting Empires: Sogdiana, Bactria and Gandhara between the Sasanian empire, the Tang dynasty and the Muslim Caliphate (ca. 600-1000 CE)”. Leiden, 17-18 September 2020.
- 2019 **A. Azad**, “Law, Migration and Translation—the making of a Persian Legal Tradition in the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Century Balkh-Bamiyan Region,” at workshop on Migration, Circulation and Translation: Pre-Modern Persian Literature in Motion, Wadham College, Oxford, 25 September 2019.
- 2019 **A. Azad**, “Islamic History Workshop” on how to edit and translate a medieval Persian local history, Columbia University, 4 April 2019.
- 2019 **A. Azad**, “Writing and History in Medieval Afghanistan: The Material Turn in Afghanistan Studies,” Special Afghanistan Series: Afghanistan History: Past, Present and Future,” Yale, 3 April 2019.
- 2018 **A. Azad**, “The Verve of Clever Women: Female Hadith Scholars in Pre-Modern Times,” White Rose Lecture Series, Leeds, 13 June.
- 2018 **A. Azad**, “‘Islamic Dynasties’ and the Perils of Homogenisation,” in Medieval Dynasties Conference, Birmingham, 26 May.
- 2018 **A. Azad**, “Diplomatics and the Afghan Geniza Early New Persian Documents,” Documents & Institutions in the Late Ancient and Medieval Worlds Conference, Princeton, 7- 8 May.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “A medieval Persian local history on Islamisation?” at Medieval Church and Culture Seminar, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 14 November.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, Panel Chair: Chronicles as Archives in Medieval Islamic Contexts, I, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 6 July.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “The Intersection of Urban and Ethnic Identities in Medieval Central Asia.” Panel: The Reproduction of Medieval Identity, Ethnicity, and Nationhood, III, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 5 July.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “To be a woman in mixed societies of the eastern Islamic caliphate and its successor dynasties.” Panel: The Construction of Female Images in Religiously Mixed Societies, Society for the Medieval Mediterranean 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, 12 July.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “Notes on Islamisation Narratives in the *Fadā’il-i Balkh*,” Conference on The History and Culture of Iran and Central Asia in the First Millennium C.E., Notre Dame/Kyoto University, London, 25 June.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “Priestly Passion: Alphonse Mingana and his eclectic collection of Persian manuscripts.” Pembroke College, Cambridge, 11 May.
- 2017 **A. Azad** and A. Miller, “Citadels, Bazaars and Shrines – A Brief Overview of the Current State of Islamic Archaeology in Afghanistan,” Islamic Archaeology Conference, University College London, 28 January.
- 2017 **A. Azad**, “Medieval Afghanistan and Religious Diversity in the Dar al-Islam,” in lecture series on Religious Encounters between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, University of Bochum, 9 January.

- 2016 **A. Azad**, "Investigating shrines as sites for 'anchoring' medieval Islam in cities of the Caliphate," in Projekt-Workshop des Lehrstuhls für Geschichte der islamisch geprägten Welt der Universität Göttingen, at Eisenach (Germany), 28-30 September.
- 2016 **A. Azad**, "A Sum of its Parts: The Medieval Persian Book," in panel on *Cross-Cultural Studies of the Book in the Global Middle Ages, I: Books across Boundaries*, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 6 July.
- 2016 **A. Azad**, "Medieval Persian Manuscripts at the University of Birmingham," *Arabic and Persian Printing History and Culture*, Birmingham, 6 June.
- 2015 **A. Azad**, "Multiple Identities in a Frontier Land: Balkh and the 'Iranians'." The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities Workshop on Language and Community from the Iranian to Armenian Plateaux, Oxford, 12 November.
- 2015 **A. Azad**, "Khurasan: Economy and Ecology, 7th-8th Century." Panel on The Early Islamic World, IV: Provinces & Frontiers - Syria, Iraq, and the East, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 9 July.
- 2015 **A. Azad**, "When Brothers Shared a Wife." All Souls College, Oxford, 18 May.
- 2014 **A. Azad**, "Living Happily Ever After: Fraternal Polyandry and 'the House' in Early Islamic Bactrian Society." Panel Member. Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, 23 November.
- 2014 **A. Azad**, Three-part lecture series on Islam in Afghanistan: A Trajectory of the Early Years. University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and University of California, Irvine (UCI), 29 October-4 November.
- 2014 **A. Azad**, "The Wives of the Saints: Female Mysticism in Medieval Islam." International Gender Studies Centre, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. 23 October.
- 2014 **A. Azad**, "Landscape of Early Islamic Balkh." 9th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), University of Basel, Switzerland, 9-13 June.
- 2014 **A. Azad**, "Sacred Landscape in Medieval Balkh." International Workshop on Bactria and the Transition to Islam, at Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge, 10-11 May.
- 2013 **A. Azad**, Panel chair: "Balkh: Transformation of a Sacred City in the Early Islamic era," and speaker: "Local Histories and How a City is Made Holy." 6th Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 5 September.
- 2013 **A. Azad**, "The Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage Project." Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge, 31 May.
- 2013 **A. Azad**, "Female Public Figures in Mediaeval Balkh." Conference on Eastern Iran and Transoxania 750-1150, University of St Andrews, 8-9 March.
- 2012 **A. Azad & O. Yastrebova**, "Reflections on an Orientalist: Aleksandr Kun, the Man and his Legacy." Conference on Russian Orientalism to Soviet Iranology. St Antony's College, Oxford, 30 November-1 December.
- 2012 **A. Azad**, "The Letter of the Law: Legal Documents from Early Islamic Bactria." Scribal practices and the social construction of knowledge in Late Antiquity and Medieval Islam, Warburg Institute, 12 December.



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| <b>TEACHING</b> |
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**1. Undergraduate Teaching****Creation and teaching of Seminar Modules****Department of History, University of Birmingham**

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| 2013-2019 | BA Option: Prophet, rulers and rebels of early Islam                |
| 2014-2019 | MA/MRes module: Approaches to Medieval Studies (team-taught)        |
| 2014-2019 | MA/MRes module: Research Skills in Medieval Studies (team-taught)   |
| 2014-2019 | BA Group Research module: Kings and Propaganda in the Islamic World |

**Undergraduate Lecturing****Department of History, University of Birmingham**

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| 2013-2019 | Survey course on global Early Middle Ages (1st year, co-taught)    |
| 2014-2019 | Survey course on global Late Medieval Period (1st year, co-taught) |
| 2015-2019 | Seminars on historical methods                                     |
| 2017-2019 | Lectures on historical theory and practice                         |

**Undergraduate Module Convening****Department of History, University of Birmingham**

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| 2017-18 | Survey course: Living in the Middle Ages |
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**2. Graduate Lecturing****Department of History, University of Birmingham**

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| 2013-2019 | Global Histories: Comparisons and Connections (MA Global History) |
| 2014-2019 | Approaches and Skills in Medieval Studies (MA Medieval Studies)   |

**Graduate Module Convening****Department of History, University of Birmingham**

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| 2014-2019 | Approaches in Medieval Studies (MA Medieval Studies)      |
| 2014-2019 | Research Skills in Medieval Studies (MA Medieval Studies) |

**3. Graduate Supervision and Personal Tutoring**

Personal tutor to more than 30 MA and MRes students at the Department of History, University of Birmingham when acting as convener of the MA Medieval Studies

Supervised MA student at the Department of History, University of Birmingham

Supervised two MPhil student in Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

**4. University examining**

Set and marked exams for all lecturing and module teaching listed above; examinations board, Faculty of Oriental Studies 2021.

**5. Student Recruitment****At University of Birmingham**

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| 2017-18 | Ancient & Medieval History Admissions Tutor - Open Days, Applicant Visit Days, selection of undergraduate student applicants |
| 2014-16 | Assisted Open Days, Applicant Visit Days, selected postgraduate student applicants, University of Birmingham                 |
| 2012    | Selection panel member for Undergraduate student applicants in Persian, Wadham College, Oxford                               |

**6. Teacher Training, Professional Academies**

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| 2015 | Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice Training completed |
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2016 Appointed Fellow of UK's Higher Education Academy

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP

### 1. University Committees

#### Faculty Committees, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

2020-present Member, Arabic, Persian and Turkish Subject Group  
 2020-present Member, Examination Committee, Persian and Turkish Subject Group

#### College of Arts and Law and History Department Committees, U. of Birmingham

2013-16, '17-18 Chair, Student-Staff Committee (Undergraduates), Department of History  
 2015-16, '17-18 Chair, Student-Staff Committee (Postgraduates), School for History and Cultures  
 2015-19 Member/Reserve Chair, Extenuating Circumstances Panel, School for History and Cultures

#### Staff Selection Committee, University of Oxford

2013 Leverhulme Research Officer, Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage project, University of Oxford

### 2. Convenorship of Webinars, Open Seminars/Colloquia and Conferences

2021 **Chair**, "Future Philology Conference" of the Invisible East Programme, 30 September—1 October 2021, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford  
 2020 **Chair**, Islamicate Manuscripts and Texts virtual colloquium (IM@T), weekly during Michaelmas Term 2020, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford (<https://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/event/islamicate-manuscripts-and-texts-colloquium>).  
 2020 **Webinar Host**, "'War Criminals I have Known': – On making humanitarian action in today's world multilateral, legitimate and safe. A Film Journey and Conversation with Experts," 9 December, Live YouTube with > 200 viewers (<https://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/event/war-criminals-i-have-known-on-making-humanitarian-action-in-todays-world-multilateral-legitima>)  
 2014-16 **Chair**, Centre for the Study of the Middle Ages, University of Birmingham  
 2014-16 **Convener**, together with P. Semper, Seminar Series of the Centre for the Study of the Middle Ages, University of Birmingham  
 2016 **Co-convener**, together with S. Jackson of Birmingham Centre for the Study of Contemporary History, of special seminar series on Nationalism, Identity and Community from Medieval Times to the Present (3 February to 15 March)  
 2012 **Co-convener**, together with L. Treadwell on Khalili Research Centre Islamic Art Series: Focus on Afghanistan (four lectures in October)

### 3. Board Member, Trustee, Advisory Services

- British Institute of Persian Studies: Trustee
- Princeton Geniza Lab: Advisory Board Member
- National Library of Israel Maktoub Project: Advisory Board Member
- Middle East Medievalists (MEM) of the Middle East Studies Association: Board Member
- Persian Manuscript Initiative, Roshan Institute, U. of Maryland: Board Member
- Knowledge, Information Technology, and the Arabic Book, KITAB, Project (ERC project as of 2018), Aga Khan University, London: Advisor

### 4. Peer review and journal editorship

- Book manuscript reviews: Bloomsbury Press, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press

- Journal peer reviewer: *Iranian Studies*, *al-Masaq*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Medieval Archaeology*, *Afghanistan* (Brill)
- Funding reviewer: Arts and Humanities Research Council (since 2017), Arkadia Fund (since 2012), British Council (since 2010)
- Editorial advisory board member: Gorgias Press
- Reviewer of JRF applications: Cambridge colleges
- Book prize committee member: MEM Book Awards 2021-2024

#### **5. External member of Professorial Appointment Committee**

- For appointment of “Assistant Professor and Language Programme Coordinator,” Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, February 2021

#### **6. Membership of scholarly societies**

- British Institute of Persian Studies
- The Iran Society
- Royal Asiatic Society
- Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
- Middle East Studies Association
- The Islamic Manuscripts Association
- American Oriental Society

#### **7. Recent Videos and Podcasts**

- Bodleian Library Feature: [https://youtu.be/G0g\\_MOJKVQU](https://youtu.be/G0g_MOJKVQU) (from 7 mins 30 secs)
- Webinar, “War Criminals I have known”:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhtH25a590c>
- Research Conversations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYGtPDtXAwc>