

## **Rowena Abdul Razak**

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### Academic Qualifications

*University of Oxford, January 2012 – Present (Thesis submitted September 2020)*

DPhil in Oriental Studies ('British Policy in Iran, 1941–1946: The Role of the Tudeh Party').

*King's College London, September 2010 – September 2011*

MA in Middle East & Mediterranean Studies. Distinction.

*School of Oriental & African Studies, September 2007 – June 2010*

BA (Hons) in History. 2:1.

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### Relevant Work History

*London School of Economics & Political Science. September 2018 – June 2019. Guest Teacher.*

Taught an undergraduate course on the history of the Persian Gulf (1945–2003).

*Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford. March – July 2016. Graduate Teaching Assistant.*

Designed the syllabus and taught a paper on modern Iranian history.

*Middle East Centre, University of Oxford. January 2012 – November 2017*

Organised and worked on various conferences, book launches and seminars.

*Oxford University Press. September 2015 – July 2016. Digital Coordinator.*

Updated the online resource centre for the Fourth edition of Dr. Louise Fawcett's *International Relations of the Middle East*.

*London School of Economics & Political Science. September 2014 – July 2015. Guest Teacher.*

Prepared and taught weekly seminars for a course on the history of the Persian Gulf (1945–2003).

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### Publications

*'Humanities in Iran'. Edited book. Harvard University Press – expected submission in August 2021.*

Chapter title: "Iran and Iranian Humanities in Malaysia".

*International Labor and Working-Class History. Cambridge University Press. Abstract accepted – expected submission in February 2021.*

Article: "Activism in isolation: the Tudeh Party in 1980s Britain".

*British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies. Taylor & Francis. Under review – submitted in December 2019.*

Co-written article with Rasmus Elling of Copenhagen University: "Oil, Labour and Empire: Abadan in WWII Occupied Iran".

*Modern Iran. Routledge. Submitted August 2019.*

Chapter on Iran and Southeast Asia.

*Association of Iranian Studies Newsletter. Spring 2019.*

Research Report: *Escape from Isolation: Iranian–Malaysian Relations during the Mahathir Years, 1981–2003.*

*Journal of Labor History. Taylor & Francis. October 2018.*

Battle for Labour Reform in Iran: the 1947 World Federation of Trade Unions' Visit.

*History Today. March 2018.*

Article on the British–Soviet occupation of Iran.

*'Russians in Iran: Diplomacy and Power in the Qajar Era and Beyond'. IB Tauris. January 2018.*

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Chapter Title: Convenient Comrades: Reassessing the Early Relationship between the *Hizb-i Tudeh* and the Soviet Union during the British-Soviet Occupation of Iran, 1941–1945.

*Journal of Arabian Studies. Taylor & Francis. 7:1. July 2017.*

Article: When Guns are not Enough: Britain's Response to Nationalism in Bahrain, 1958–1963.

*Iranian Studies. Routledge. 49:5. September 2016.*

Article: "But what would they think of us?" Propaganda and the Manipulation of the Anglo–Soviet Occupation, 1941–1946.

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### Most Recent Conferences

*The Association for the Study of Persianate Studies. March 2020 (cancelled). University of Chicago New Delhi.*  
Prepared a paper on the Tudeh Party in 1980s Britain.

*WOCMES. July 2018. University of Seville.*

Presented a paper on Iran and the early Cold War.

*King's College London & University of Oxford History of War Conference. April 2018. King's College London.*

Presented a paper on Iran and the early Cold War.

*BRISMES Postgraduate Conference. July 2017. University of Edinburgh, Scotland.*

Presented a paper on Iran's strategic policy towards South East Asia.

*Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference. August 2016. University of Vienna, Austria.*

Presented a paper on Soviet policy and the Tudeh Party, 1941–1946.

*Institute of Historical Research. April 2016. London.*

Presented on British policy during the Iranian oil strikes of 1946.

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### Awards

The Hadid Studentship (2015/2016), Middle East Centre St Antony's College, Oxford.

LSE Teacher Award (2018/2019).

Annual Iranian Embassy in London prize for books for 'Russians in Iran: Diplomacy and Power in the Qajar Era and Beyond' (2018).

### Skills and Qualifications

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Languages: Malay (Native), French (Advanced), Persian (Reading Intermediate), German (A2).

Research; Dataset competent (Microsoft Access); Teaching; Analysing; Writing; Public Speaking.

### Professional Memberships

British Institute of Persian Studies  
Association for Iranian Studies

Middle East Studies Association  
Iran Heritage Foundation

### Media Appearances

*BBC Radio London. January–March 2020 / BBC Radio Scotland. Good Morning Scotland. January 2020.*

*University of Limerick FM. With Roberto Mazza. May 2018.*

*BMW. i3 Video. February 2017.*

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