Challenging perspectives in a complex world
SOAS Postgraduate Open Evening
Thursday 8th October

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Welcome

On behalf of all of SOAS’ staff and students it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Open Evening. We hope the event gives you the opportunity to find out more about our course programmes, meet our staff and most importantly soak up SOAS’ atmosphere.

SOAS is a very special place. Our alumni talk fondly of the student experience, particularly the quality of the teaching and opportunity to debate, discuss and interact with friends and colleagues from around the world. It’s a lively place committed to enquiry and learning.

It is the only Higher Education institution in Europe specialising in the study of Asia, Africa and the Near and Middle East. We have a global reputation for research and teaching expertise in politics, law, culture and society in those regions and help our students to prepare for the challenges of working in and influencing national and international policy and practice in key social, economic and cultural areas.

This programme details the events and activities taking place throughout the evening, including times and locations. If you require any information or assistance please do not hesitate to ask one of our Student Ambassadors. Please ensure that you register on arrival at the Brunei Gallery reception.

I am delighted to welcome you on behalf of the SOAS community. I hope you enjoy your evening.

Baroness Valerie Amos
Director
Programme

All departments will have either a stall or talk, with many departments offering both activities at the Open Evening. This programme is organised alphabetically by Department or Centre. If you cannot find the activity related to your course of interest on the programme, please ask a student ambassador.

Registration

16:30 onwards Brunei Gallery Reception
You must register your attendance in the Brunei Gallery Reception area on arrival on campus.

Welcome Talk

17:00 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
On arrival, you will attend a 30-minute welcome talk which will give you a flavour of the School and inform you of any additions to the programme. We strongly recommend that you attend this introductory talk.

Campus Tours

Campus tours will leave every half an hour from outside the Brunei building front entrance. The campus tour will show you the key areas of the university including the library, the SU, the Refectory and the Faculty offices. You will be invited to book on a tour when you arrive.

Doctoral School

The Doctoral School is a University-wide structure supporting student admissions, student research, research examinations and careers training for academia and industry across all three Faculties, offering a comprehensive programme of research training skills and development. Join our visit to the department at 19:00 to find out more. Please sign up at the Tours stall in the Brunei Gallery.

Careers Services

Interested in exploring career options related to your Masters degree? Would you like to meet with employers and alumni working in your preferred sector? The Careers Service can help you with all of the above and more! Whilst studying at SOAS, our team will help you with interview preparation, assist you in developing your employability skills, organise events with key employers in your field of study and will give you the resources to educate and inspire you to reach your career goals. Join the Careers tour at 18:00, 18:30, 19:00 or 19:30 – sign up at the Tours stall in the Brunei Gallery.

Masters And Research Admissions

In addition to the courses listed in this programme, we also offer research-based degrees. Staff from our Masters and Research Admissions teams will be available to answer your questions throughout the evening in the Djam Lecture Theatre.

Summer School

SOAS Academic Summer School courses are an ideal way to try a subject out prior to committing to a postgraduate degree. There is a wide variety of courses on offer in a three and five week intensive format, running in three sessions throughout June, July and August. There will be a stall in the Djam Lecture Theatre running throughout the evening for more information.
General Information

Arrival And Registration
Please bring your printed booking confirmation form with you. If you forget your confirmation email, we will need to re-book you on the day. Make your way to the Brunei Gallery building for registration.

Access And Disabilities
SOAS aims to create an environment that enables all students to participate fully in university life. Please inform us if you have a long-term medical condition, specific learning difficulty and / or other disability so that we can make appropriate arrangements. All rooms and buildings at the Open Evening are accessible.

Emergency Procedures
If a fire alarm sounds while you are in any SOAS building, please evacuate calmly by the nearest exit. Once outside the building, please follow instructions from SOAS security staff.

Student Ambassadors
We have a number of SOAS students working at the event as 'ambassadors'. These students will be wearing red SOAS clothing and will be happy to help you with directions or general information about the School.

Access To The Main Building
To access the main building, you will need a visitor sticker to pass security. Once you have a sticker, you will be able to access the Students’ Union and Refectory. Unfortunately, we cannot allow open access to the library. To visit the SOAS library, please sign-up for a campus tour on arrival.

Refreshments
Refreshments will be served in the Brunei Suite throughout the evening.
Africa

Talk 18:25-19:05 Room B211
Akin Oyétadé
Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA African Literature
MA African Studies

The Department for the Languages and Cultures of Africa houses a large concentration of scholars researching and teaching African languages, literature and film of sub-saharan Africa. This collective expertise gives SOAS a world-class capacity for teaching and research in the area.

Anthropology and Sociology

Talk 17:35-18:15 Room B204
David Mosse
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MA Anthropological Research Methods
MA Anthropological Research Methods and Intensive Language
MA Anthropological Research Methods and Nepali
MA Anthropology of Food
MA Anthropology of Media
MA Anthropology of Travel and Tourism
MA Medical Anthropology
MA Medical Anthropology and Intensive Language
MA Migration and Diaspora Studies and Intensive Language
MA Social Anthropology
MA Social Anthropology of Development
MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies

The Department of Anthropology and Sociology at SOAS is one of the largest departments of Anthropology in the country. What makes it special is that it offers a first-class grounding in contemporary Anthropology and social theory along with extensive regional expertise in the regions of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Centre for Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies (CCLPS)

Talk 19:15-19:55 Room B202
Francesca Orsini
Stall 17:30-19:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA Comparative Literature (Africa/Asia)
MA in Cultural Studies
MA in Postcolonial Studies

The SOAS Centre for Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies (CCLPS) promotes the disciplines of Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies and Postcolonial Studies in relation to Africa, Asia and the Middle East and hosts the relevant MAs.

Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy (CISD)

Talk 18:25-19:05 Room G3
Dan Plesch, Sutha Nadarajah & Pallavi Roy
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MA Global Diplomacy (Distance Learning)
MA Globalisation and Multinational Corporations
MA/PGDip International Studies and Diplomacy
MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy

CISD specialises in teaching to students without degrees in the field. Through vocational degree programmes and course offerings, as well as a range of extra-curricular activities, the Centre delivers cross-disciplinary teaching and learning that combines an understanding of key concepts, theories and debates with effective practical skills training.
China and Chinese Studies

Talk 17:35-18:15 Room B211
Xiaoning Lu & Bi-yu Chang
Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA Chinese Literature
MA Chinese Studies
MA Sinology
MA Taiwan Studies
MA Advanced Chinese Studies
MSc Contemporary China Studies

The Department of the Languages and Cultures of China and Inner Asia covers one of the oldest yet most dynamic and important regions of the world. The SOAS China Institute (SCI) acts as the face of Chinese Studies at SOAS, promoting interdisciplinary teaching and research in Chinese Studies across all SOAS departments. It also organises events, lectures, workshops and conferences. Together, the Department and the Institute offer a range of programmes on China and Chinese Studies that is unmatched in Europe.

Development Studies

Talk 17:35-18:15 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
Laura Hammond
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MSc Development Studies
MSc Development Studies with Special Reference to Central Asia
MSc Environment, Politics and Development
MSc Globalisation and Development
MSc Labour, Social Movements and Development
MSc Migration Mobility and Development
MSc Research for International Development
MSc Violence, Conflict and Development

Development Studies addresses the major issues and challenges facing the global community in relation to fundamental social and economic change, inequality, the factors that make or keep people poor, and the international, national and local efforts to reduce poverty and vulnerability in the developing world. It is an interdisciplinary field of study that is also rooted in practical action and applied outcomes.

Economics

Talk 18:25-19:05 Room B201
Massoud Karshenas & Elisa Van Waeyenberge
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MSc Development Economics
MSc Economics with reference to Africa
MSc Economics with reference to Environment and Development
MSc Economics with reference to South Asia
MSc Economics with reference to the Asia Pacific Region
MSc Economics with reference to the Middle East
MSc Finance and Development
MSc Global Economic Governance and Policy
MSc Political Economy of Development
MSc Research for International Development

The Department for Economics is one of the country’s leading departments specialising in the economics of development and growth in poor countries. It is unusual not only by encouraging its students to assess mainstream theory critically, but also exposing students to radical thinkers such as Marx, Keynes and Kalecki. This blend of the orthodox and the heterodox makes the Department one of the most stimulating places in the world in which to learn economics.

Film Studies

Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA in Global Cinemas and the Transcultural

The SOAS Centre for Film Studies promotes the disciplines of Film Studies in relation to Africa, Asia and the Near and Middle East.
The Department of Financial and Management offers on campus MSc and PhD programmes in International Management, Finance and Financial Law and Public Sector Management.

Gender Studies

SOAS’ MA in Gender Studies is unique in that it refocuses issues of Western Gender Studies on the complex specificities of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Drawing on the expertise of staff across all SOAS faculties, it offers the specialised study of gender in relation to Asian, African and Middle Eastern cultures, together with rigorous training in and questioning of contemporary gender theory.

History

History at SOAS offers a unique range of opportunities. Although many UK history departments have some courses relating to Africa, Asia and the Near and Middle East, SOAS alone has an entire department devoted to the study of the history of these regions.

History of Art and Archaeology

The Department of the History of Art and Archaeology is internationally unique in its broad coverage of the visual arts, architecture and material culture of Asia and Africa.
Japan and Korea

Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA ... and Intensive Language (Japanese)
MA ... and Intensive Language (Korean)
MA Japanese Literature
MA Japanese Studies
MA Korean Literature
MA Korean Studies

The department of Japan and Korea welcomes students who are keen to study Japan and Korea in depth. We offer excellent language training, as well as a wide range of courses on culture and society, including literature linguistics, history, film/television and popular culture, within the Department, and more subjects in other departments at SOAS.

Language Learning within MA Programmes

Talk 19:15-19:55 Room B211
Justin Watkins

This talk is dedicated to considering how best to combine learning in Asian, African or Middle Eastern language with your other studies as an MA student at SOAS, and the implications of doing so. Nearly all taught Masters programmes can include a language-learning component. The range of 20-30 languages taught intensively at SOAS is truly unique, as many of the languages we teach are taught nowhere else in the UK. Additionally there is the possibility of learning some of a language outside your degree under the Language Entitlement Programme (LEP). This talk will include time for language-related Q&A and will give an opportunity for prospective students to reflect on the decision whether or not to learn a language intensively, and on the choice of language.

Law

Talk 19:15-19:55 Room G3
Kevin Jon Heller
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

LLM Law (all related programmes)
MA Law (all related programmes)

We offer a truly international experience, with students from every continent studying English Law alongside Comparative, Regional and International Law. SOAS law graduates are highly sought after by some of the world’s leading Law firms, NGOs such as Amnesty International, governments and international bodies such as the UN.

Linguistics

Talk 17:35-18:15 Room B203
Julia Sallabank
Stall 17:30-19:30 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA Arabic Language Learning and Teaching
MA Chinese Language Learning and Teaching
MA Japanese Language Learning and Teaching
MA Korean Language Learning and Teaching
MA Language Documentation and Description
MA Linguistics
MA Linguistics and Language
MA Theory and Practice of Translation (Asian and African Languages)

The Department of Linguistics is the oldest in the UK, with a strong record of international research and an exciting range of courses taught in all areas of modern linguistics.
Media Studies
Stall 17:30-19:00 Brunei Suite
MA in Critical Media and Cultural Studies
MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
MA Global Digital Cultures
MA International Journalisms
MA Media and the Middle East
MA Media in Development
MA in Global Media and Postnational Communication

The Centre for Media Studies is a major initiative and at SOAS, unique in the world for its focus on contemporary and historical trends in media, communications and film in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, and their diasporas.

Migration and Diaspora Studies
Talk 19:15-19:55 Room B201
Parvathi Raman
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite
MA Migration and Disaspora Studies
MA Migration, Mobility and Development

The Centre aims to foster and promote a supportive research and teaching environment for scholars concerned with issues of migration and diaspora, drawing on the skills and expertise of academics situated in disciplines such as anthropology, history, development studies, politics, region, music and art history.

Music
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite
MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
MA Music in Development
MMus Ethnomusicology
MMus Performance

The Department of Music at SOAS is unique in Europe, as an internationally recognised centre for research and teaching of the musics of the world and the discipline of ethnomusicology.

Near and Middle East Studies
Talk 19:15-19:55 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
Mohamed Said
Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre
MA ... and Intensive Language (Arabic)
MA Ancient Near Eastern Languages
MA Arabic Literature
MA Islamic Societies and Cultures
MA Islamic Studies
MA Israeli Studies
MA Near and Middle Eastern Studies
MA Paledtine Studies
MA Turkish Studies
MA in Iranian Studies

The Department is the largest in the UK that specialises in the Near and Middle East, and has a long and distinguished record of research and teaching in the region’s modern and ancient languages.

Politics And International Studies
Talk 18:25-19:05 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
Dafydd Fell
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite
MRes Politics with (Language)
MSc African Politics
MSc Asian Politics
MSc Comparative Political Thought
MSc International Politics
MSc Middle East Politics
MSc Politics of China
MSc Politics of Conflict, Rights & Justice
MSc State, Society and Development

The Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS is one of the leading and most exciting departments in the UK in which to study global politics with a focus on Asia, Africa and the Middle East.
Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Arts

Talk 18:25-19:05 Room B203
Heather Elgood and Denise Acford
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Arts

This postgraduate programme offers a unique opportunity to study the arts of Asia and the Islamic world with lectures by leading scholars in the field. The course will provide an object-based learning experience through direct access to the reserved collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) and the British Museum.

Postgraduate Programmes in Financial and Management Studies (CeFiMS)
Development, Environment and Policy (CeDEP)
By Distance Learning

Centre for Financial and Management Studies (CeFiMS)

Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MSc Finance & Financial Law
MSc Finance (Major: Economic Policy)
MSc Finance (Major: Financial Sector Management)
MSc Finance (Major: Quantitative Finance)
MSc International Business Administration
MSc Public Financial Management
MSc Public Policy & Management

The Centre for Financial and Management Studies (CeFiMS), SOAS University of London, has some 2,000 students taking MSc degrees and PG Diplomas in finance and management by distance learning. CeFiMS’ programmes are equivalent to our DeFiMS’ on-campus programmes and offer busy professionals, or those with other commitments that make on-campus study difficult, the opportunity to engage in Postgraduate study and increase their understanding of modern finance, management and related subjects by advanced research-led teaching. CeFiMS’ distance learning programmes bring the University of London’s expertise to your doorstep with high quality postgraduate programmes supported by online tutoring and a virtual learning environment with written materials and readings to guide you through your chosen programme of study.

Centre for Development, Environment and Policy (CeDEP)

Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MSc Agricultural Economics
MSc Environmental Economics
MSc Environmental Management
MSc Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice
MSc Sustainable Development

The Centre for Development, Environment and Policy (CeDEP), SOAS University of London, offers a unique range of postgraduate qualifications in Sustainable Development, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Management. CeDEP’s programmes are currently being taken by around 1,000 students worldwide. CeDEP students work across international organisations, NGOs, government agencies and the private sector. Many are seeking to expand their knowledge and skills base to equip them better for their current and future professional responsibilities. Others are studying to prepare for careers in international development or environmental management.
SOAS Language Centre

Talk 17:35-18:15 Room B201
Anne Campbell
Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

The language Centre is a department of the Faculty of Languages and Cultures at SOAS. Its proven expertise lies in making the learning of languages practically useful, highly enjoyable and accessible to people from all works of life. The Language Centre offers short Language Tasters to show you the kind of communicative language classes you can take for free as part of the SOAS Language Entitlement Programme. Come along and see how you can learn to speak a language right from the word go – no complex grammar rules just practical language skills.

Arabic Taster
18:25-19:05 Room B204

Chinese Taster
19:15-19:55 Room B203

South Asia

Stall 18:00-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA Intensive South Asian Studies
MA Languages and Cultures of South Asia
MA South Asian Area Studies
MA in the Study of Contemporary Pakistan

The Department of the Languages and Cultures of South Asia is devoted to research and teaching in the languages, literatures and cultures of the Indian subcontinent. The SOAS South Asia Institute is a platform for South Asia-focused teaching and research for academics from every SOAS discipline. Together, the Department and the Institute offer a range of postgraduate taught programmes which enable students to develop the linguistic and cultural fluencies and the disciplinary knowledge they need to work in and on South Asia.

South East Asia and Asia Pacific

Stall 17:30-20:00 Djam Lecture Theatre

MA Pacific Asian Studies
MA South East Asian Studies

The Department of South East Asia is the only department in a UK university which is dedicated to the study of South East Asia. Our teaching and research focuses on five of the major languages of the region – Burmese, Indonesian / Malay, Thai, Vietnamese and Khmer – and in their literatures, cinemas and associated cultures. SOAS’ MA in South East Asian Studies is unique in that it allows students to choose courses in languages, cultures, humanities and social sciences related to the region, and draws on the expertise of staff across all SOAS faculties.

Study of Religions and Philosophies

Talk 18:25-19:05 Room B202
Erica Hunter, Sian Hawthorne & Vincent Tournier
Stall 17:30-20:00 Brunei Suite

MA Buddhist Studies
MA Religion in Global Politics
MA Religions of Asia and Africa
MA Religions of Asia and Africa and Intensive Language
MA Traditions of Yoga and Meditation

At SOAS you can study a wider range of religious traditions and in greater depth than in any other university programme worldwide. With our highly diversified expertise, our comprehensive resources, and our interdisciplinary approach we offer a unique learning and research environment for religions in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.
Room Listing

Brunei Gallery

Brunei Suite (Ground Floor)

BGLT – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (Lower Ground Floor)

B201 (1st Floor)
B202 (1st Floor)
B203 (1st Floor)
B204 (1st Floor)
B211 (1st Floor)

College Buildings

KLT – Khalili Lecture Theatre (Lower Ground Floor)

Refectory (Lower Ground Floor)

G3, DLT (Ground Floor Reception Area)

JCR – Junior Common Room (Ground Floor)
'FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ARE DREAMS YOU NEVER GIVE UP'

Aung San Suu Kyi

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and SOAS Alumna