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Graduation Venues

Registration

SOAS Gallery, BG01 & BG02

Gowning

Philips Building, DLT

Ceremony

Friends House

Post Ceremony Reception

Cloister Room & Atrium (Paul Webley Wing)

Photography

Learning Lounge and RB01, Philips Building

Welcome



**Prof. Adam Habib,
Vice-Chancellor
of SOAS University
of London**

Welcome to the 2025 graduation ceremonies

Dear graduands,

It is a real pleasure to attend your ceremony today.

Graduation is such a high point of the academic year. It is a time to reflect on all that you have achieved and to receive the recognition that you deserve. For every graduating student, it is the culmination of so much hard work at SOAS, all the reading, thinking, writing, discussion, and learning you have completed as part of your studies.

Students come to study at SOAS to make a difference. To build bridges, think critically about the world, and seek opportunities to do good. Every student is encouraged to challenge perspectives, broach debates, question the status quo, and find solutions to the global issues facing us.

Today also marks the start of a new relationship with SOAS as you join an incredible global community of alumni. SOAS graduates have gone on to achieve great success in the arts, academia, law, the worlds of business and politics, and more. You are now a member of this community of changemakers.

Remember however much these achievements are yours, they would be impossible without the sacrifices and support of your loved ones. Please spare a moment to thank them during this time of celebration.

Wherever life now takes you, whatever career you pursue, I wish you success and happiness in the future.

Today is your day - enjoy it and let's make it count!

**Professor Adam Habib
Vice-Chancellor of SOAS University of London**

A Message from the President and the Chair

It's that time of year again when the SOAS community comes together to honour and celebrate its latest cohort of graduates. It is a momentous occasion for our students as they launch themselves into the world after years of study, socialising and the pursuit of myriad extra-curricular activities.

Graduands: I wish you every success in your chosen paths and I hope you leave us with hearts brimming with pride at your achievements, with heads held high, and with a red-hot ambition to make the world a better place.

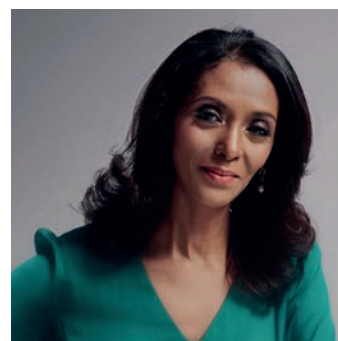
We have tried to guide you every step of the way with care, advice and the nourishment of knowledge. And it is wonderful for me, the academic and administrative body and all supporting staff to witness another year of marvellous students departing our campus to undertake new ventures and start new careers. We hope you've

both benefitted from and relished your time at SOAS, and it is a highlight of the year for me as President to preside over the graduation ceremony and bestow your degree upon you. I was in your shoes, many moons ago, when I graduated with my MA from SOAS, and I know how you will treasure the memories of your SOAS years just as I have done.

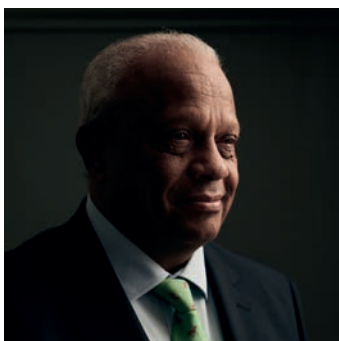
I hope that you will stay in touch and that you remain part of the SOAS community now and always, just as SOAS will always be proud to have had you here. You've left your imprint with us. Now it's time to leave it on the world.

Good luck.

Zeinab Badawi
President of SOAS University of London



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President of SOAS
University of London



Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE,
Chair of the SOAS
Board of Trustees

Graduations are just amazingly wonderful moments – I always believe that you, our students, deserve the greatest of thanks for investing these magical years of curiosity and learning with us and trusting us to guide you towards the great freedoms that come from completing study well.

You literally have the world in your hands, and you belong now to an incredibly essential network of fellow alumni who have treasured the quirkiness and vibrancy of SOAS and gone on and shaped the world with this indelible commitment to justice, equity, and opportunity.

I love every graduation: it's your time, shining with relief (you did it!!) and seeing the sight of heart warmed friends & family looking on because they always believed you could. And you did.

The battle that lies ahead is twofold – to shun the cynics who shy away from a solid conviction and that one person with a plan can do more than a hundred without a clue – and to never

ever stop learning. As I approach my 70th, I still hunt out innovations and the wisdom of generations past each day so that my mind remains dedicated to lifelong learning. I gather tiny stones and big rocks of fascinating insights. I offer that to you to help steer your years ahead.

As the song goes: don't stop believing! And build your circle of 'affirmers' who you know hear you and trust you and will do the hard walk with you from dreams to outcomes.

May you relish your day and thrive in your years. We are so proud of you.

Lord Dr Michael Hastings CBE,
Chair of SOAS University of
London Board of Trustees



Congratulations SOAS alumni!

Welcome to your global SOAS
Alumni network

Now that you've graduated,
you join a vibrant international
network of over 95,000 alumni -
scholars, activists, professionals
and changemakers who carry the
SOAS spirit into every corner of
the world.

As a SOAS graduate, you're part of a lifelong community. No matter where you live, work or travel, the SOAS community is never far away. With a growing network of **Alumni Ambassadors** and active **Alumni Groups** from London, to Hong Kong, the USA, Nigeria and beyond, you'll find social and professional connections wherever you go.

Connect with your local network by visiting our Alumni webpages:
► soas.ac.uk/alumni

Your SOAS Alumni Benefits

As part of the alumni community, you gain lifelong access to a wide range of exclusive benefits and opportunities:

- **Alumni Receptions and events** around the world
- **Professional networking** via Alumni Groups and LinkedIn groups
- A free **alumni card** for access to the library and campus
- **Discounts** on language courses and postgraduate programmes
- **Life-long careers support** including CV advice, job prep, and one-to-one guidance
- **Access to mentoring programme** through SOAS Connect
- **Interviews and articles** on our alumni newsletter 'SOAS World'
- **Volunteering opportunities** and ways to support current students

Stay Connected

We'd love to keep you up to date on the latest SOAS news, research highlights, event invitations and opportunities. Share your up-to-date details below to help us reach you

Scan the QR code below to update your details:

Once SOAS, always SOAS.

Wherever you are in the world, stay connected. Continue learning. And carry the SOAS mission forward.

Further details about these services and more are available on the SOAS alumni website at:

- soas.ac.uk/alumni
- alumni@soas.ac.uk



Inspiring alumni



Gus Casely-Hayford OBE
Curator, cultural historian,
and broadcaster
PhD History, 1992



Ramla Ali
Professional boxer, Olympian,
and model
BA Law, 2009



Paul Robeson
Campaigner and civil rights
activist, singer, actor and
athlete
Swahili and Phonetics, 1934



Poppy Ajudha
Singer and songwriter
BA Social Anthropology and
Music, 2017



Nick Mulvey
Mercury Prize nominated
musician
BA Music Studies, 2007



Idza Luhumyo
Writer and winner of the
2022 Caine Prize for African
Writing
MA Comparative
Literature, 2021



Maro Itoje
England International Rugby
Player
BA Politics, 2018



Fatima Bhutto
Writer, journalist and activist
MA South Asian Studies, 2005



Achim Steiner
Chairman of United Nations
Sustainable Development
Group
MA African Studies, 1985

SOAS Careers

SOAS graduates change the world and achieve incredible things.

SOAS Careers is here to help you succeed at every step of your career. As a SOAS Alum, you can access our services for life! Whether you are starting in your career or wanting to change paths further down the line, we will be here to support you.

We provide:

- Information about jobs, internships and volunteering opportunities through our careers management system CareersZONE
- A large selection of SOAS-specific events such as Careers Fairs, Alumni Workshops and Skills Sessions throughout the academic year
- Assistance with navigating our digital and printed careers information resources on job sectors, working overseas, career planning, and application advice
- Practice Interview appointments to help prepare for your upcoming interviews, including assessment centres
- One-to-one careers guidance on how to decide on a career path, as well as information and advice on the application process, including CVs, cover letters and application forms

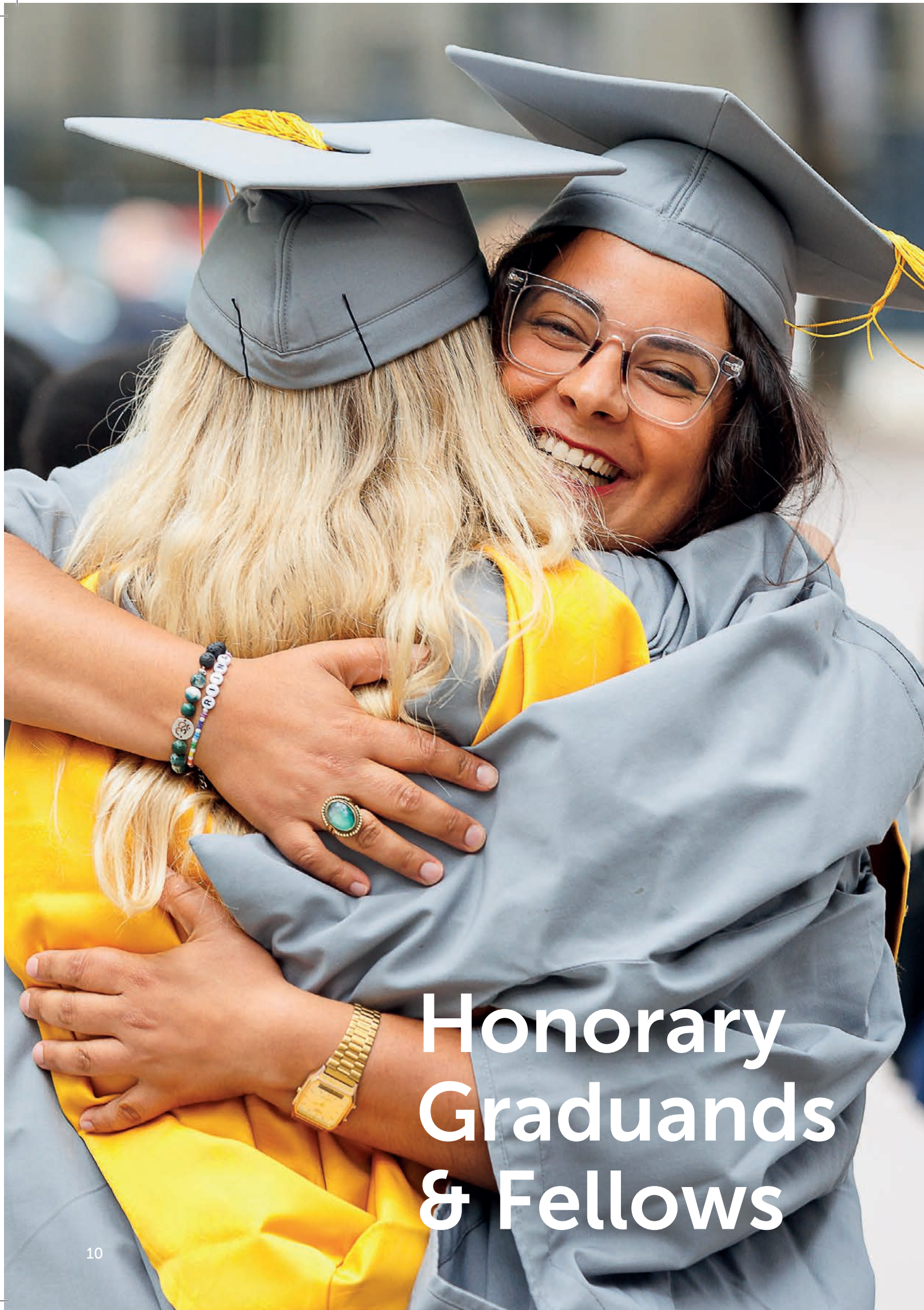
Find out more about the careers service at:

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Get in touch by email careers@soas.ac.uk or phone on +44 (0)20 7898 4115







Honorary Graduands & Fellows

Mr Gary Stevenson

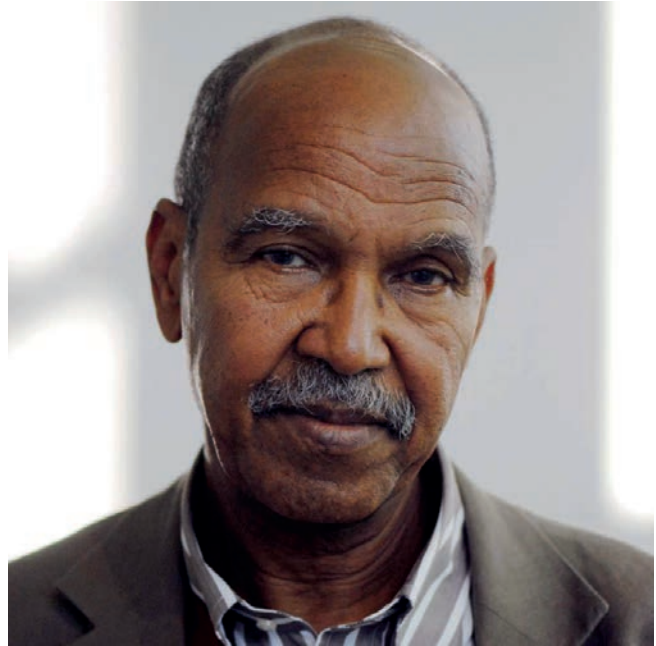
Doctor of Social Sciences



Mr Gary Stevenson is one of the leading voices on the state of the UK economy, speaking to a following of well over a million on YouTube. Gary previously worked as an interest rates trader for Citibank and found success by correctly predicting that growing wealth inequality would lead to a permanent state of economic crisis and falling living conditions. Gary will be awarded with an Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences in recognition of his extraordinary work, communication and campaigning about inequality, social exclusion, financial markets, debt, and his commitment to teaching people about real world economics. His first book, THE TRADING GAME, was a Sunday Times number one bestseller in both hardback and paperback and is published in more than 20 languages.

Professor Nuruddin Farah

Doctor of Literature



Professor Nuruddin Farah is a renowned author of fourteen novels, several plays, and non-fiction books on the Somali diaspora - with his first book 'From a Crooked Rib' being described as one of the cornerstones of modern East African literature. He will receive an Honorary Doctorate this year for his work around Somali culture through the areas of conflict, social transformation, migration and diasporic relations, and changing gender roles. Nuruddin has also been the recipient of several major international literary awards, including the prestigious Neustadt Prize.

Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili

Doctor of Social Sciences



Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili is an accomplished development practitioner with global humanitarian and crisis response leadership and field operations expertise with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate for her extensive humanitarian work and expertise in the development of conflict-related and disaster response programs. For over three decades, Elisabeth worked in numerous countries, in Africa and Asia, and was also founding director of USAID's Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation and implemented analytical frameworks for addressing conflict with targeted development tools.

Sir Isaac Julien

Doctor of Arts



Sir Isaac Julien, RA is a critically acclaimed British artist and filmmaker. In 2018, Julien joined the faculty at the University of California Santa Cruz where he is a Distinguished Professor of the Arts and leads the Moving Image Lab together with Arts Professor Mark Nash. Julien has produced a variety of works and exhibitions both in the UK and internationally, including 'What Freedom is to Me' at Tate Britain and 'A Marvellous Entanglement' at São Paulo Museum of Art alongside many others. Julien is the recipient of The Royal Academy of Arts Charles Wollaston Award 2017, and a Kaiserring Goslar Award in 2022. He was granted a knighthood as part of the Queen's Honours List in 2022. Julien will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate for his pioneering work in addressing issues of racial justice, LGBTQIA+ rights, class race, gender and highlighting the experiences of Black British communities through creative mediums of art, film and creative media.

Dr Ramachandra Guha

Doctor of Humanities



Dr Ramachandra Guha is a historian and biographer who is currently Distinguished University Professor at Krea University and previously taught at Stanford University, the Indian Institute of Science, and the London School of Economics. He will receive an Honorary Doctorate for his substantial contributions as an historian, writer, public intellectual, and defender of the rights enshrined in the Indian constitution. Ramachandra's awards include the Leopold-Hidy Prize of the American Society of Environmental History, the Howard Milton Prize of the British Society for Sports History among many others. He is also the recipient of an honorary doctorate in the humanities from Yale University.

Ms Rebecca John

Doctor of Law



Ms Rebecca Mammen John is a Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and is also one of the few women designated senior counsel. She will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate for her contributions to social justice and human rights, providing a voice to the most marginalised sections of Indian society, and for interrogating the excesses of state power and leading debates about relationships between the law, power, and social life. A leading feminist criminal lawyer at the forefront of defending civil liberties and constitutional rights, Rebecca has worked on multiple landmark criminal cases in India, such as the '2G spectrum' and the 'Hashimpura massacre'.

Mr Harry Matovu KC

Doctor of Law



Mr Harry Matovu KC is a Ugandan-born litigation expert, with many years of expertise in commercial litigation, international arbitration, civil fraud, and public international law. He has represented sovereign states, global corporations, and financial institutions in billion-dollar disputes in this jurisdiction and abroad, including (but not limited to) General Dynamics United Kingdom Ltd v State of Libya and Excalibur Ventures LLC v Texas Keystone Inc, among many others. Harry will be receiving an Honorary Doctor of Law in recognition of his substantial contribution and commitment to the Commercial Bar in the United Kingdom, Africa, Middle East and Asia and work as a Founder and Chair of the Black Talent Charter - which supports Black talent in business and the professions through new approaches and new ways of thinking. Harry has also been recognised in recent years in The Lawyer 'Hot 100' List and received nominations as Silk (KC) of the Year for International Arbitration in the Legal 500 Awards.

Lord David Sainsbury

Honorary Fellowship



Lord David Sainsbury is a businessman, philanthropist and a former politician. He will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his remarkable philanthropy, the founding of the Gatsby Foundation, and particularly its work in education, public policy, the arts, plant science, and neuroscience. The award also recognises Lord Sainsbury's substantial contribution and advocacy for inclusive structural transformation in the African continent, particularly in East Africa, and industrial innovation policy globally. He has funded several SOAS initiatives and has a strong interest in the SOAS Centre for Sustainable Structural Transformation.



Music Programme



Procession music

Kadialy Kouyate

SOAS Senior Teaching Fellow



**Senegalese kora virtuoso
and singer, songwriter
and producer**

Kora Procession Entry and Exit Music

The Kora is a traditional Gambian instrument with 21 strings

Kadialy Kouyate's mesmerizing kora skills are deeply rooted in his ancestral lineage of Kouyate griots. Born in southern Senegal, within the rich cultural tapestry of the Mandinka people, he naturally absorbed the traditional griot repertoire from an early age. Embracing this art of Senegalese storytelling, he soon forged his own path as a musician, singer and songwriter.

In his late twenties, Kadialy moved to the UK, where he became a vital force in London's music scene, blending his griot heritage with a wide range of collaborations. He has worked with artists such as Mumford & Sons, Baaba Maal, Abel Selaocoe, Shabaka Hutchings and Camilla George. Kadialy also co-wrote Greentea Peng's hit single Downers, performed on Later with Jools Holland

alongside Mahalia and Pa Salieu and joined Afrobeat star Adegunle Gold at Wembley Arena and the BBC's Live Lounge. His latest album, Terri Kunda – House of Friendship, a collaboration with Chinese pipa virtuoso Gao Hong, earned five stars from Songlines and won two gold medals at the Global Music Awards for 'Best Duo' and 'Instrumentalist(s)'.

Whether performing solo or as part of an ensemble, Kadialy has graced the stages of prestigious venues such as The Royal Festival Hall, The Queen Elizabeth Hall and The Royal Albert Hall. His music has taken him across the globe, with performances at festivals throughout Europe, Canada, Australia, and the Americas.

Interlude music

Baque Luar



London-based collective of female and non-binary vocalists and percussionists from diverse backgrounds

Baque Luar is a London-based collective of female and non-binary vocalists and percussionists from diverse backgrounds, united by their love of Brazilian and Afro-Brazilian roots music. Their music focuses on honouring feminine power and creativity and praising nature at this critical ecological moment. Drawing inspiration from the rich northeastern Brazilian soundscapes and traditions of maracatu, coco and ciranda as well as sacred rhythms of Brazilian Candomblé, Baque Luar combines original multivocal compositions and arrangements with powerful percussive grooves.

Baque Luar's co-founder Lizzie Ogle currently teaches ethnomusicology at SOAS, and recently published her ethnographic monograph – *Rhythm, Ancestrality and Spirit in Maracatu de Nação and Candomblé* – with the SOAS Studies in Music Series (Routledge).



Order of Ceremony

Tuesday 10:30am

2 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 10:30 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Professor Laura Hammond
- **Honorary Graduand** – Professor Nuruddin Farah
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Xiaoning Lu
- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Professor Rachel Harrison

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **Procession leaves to musical accompaniment** – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
- The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Atrium, Paul Webley Wing, SOAS

Procession

Please rise when the Procession enters the hall and remain standing until they are seated.

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| • Mr Jaydeep Mukherjee
Mace Bearer | • Professor Rachel Harrison
Professor of Thai Cultural Studies |
| • Ms Zeinab Badawi
President | • Mrs Jenny Greenshields
Member of the Board of Trustees |
| • Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE
The Chair of the Board of Trustees | • Dr Ilana Webster-Kogen
Head of School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics |
| • Professor Adam Habib
Vice-Chancellor | • Dr Yan Jiang
Senior Lecturer in Linguistics and the Languages of China |
| • Professor Joanna Newman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost | • Dr Ali Alavi
Lecturer in Middle Eastern and Iranian Studies |
| • Professor Nuruddin Farah
Honorary Graduand | • Dr Barbara Pizziconi
Reader in Applied Japanese Linguistic |
| • Professor Laura Hammond
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Knowledge Exchange | • Mr Mohamed Said
Senior Lecturer in Arabic (Education) |
| • Mr Khadir Meer
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Finance & Operations | • Professor Lutz Marten
Professor of General and African Linguistics |
| • Professor Graeme Earl
Dean of College of Humanities | • Dr Yoseph Mengistu
Lecturer (AER) in Amharic |
| • Dr Xiaoning Lu
Deputy Head of School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics | |

Tuesday 2:30pm

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- 14:30 Announcements and musical performance
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Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Dr Samia Bano
- **Honorary Graduand** – Sir Isaac Julien
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Charlotte Horlyck
- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Lars Laamann

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **Procession leaves to musical accompaniment** – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
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- Professor Graeme Earl
Dean of College of Humanities
- Dr Samia Bano
Professor in Law
- Dr Charlotte Horlyck
Head of School of Arts
- Dr Lars Laamann
Senior Lecturer in the History of China

- Dr Paul Giladi
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy
- Professor Michael Charney
Professor of Asian and Military History
- Dr Ceyda Karamursel
Lecturer in Middle East History
- Dr Polly Savage
Senior Lecturer in the Art History of Africa
- Dr Gizeh Rangel-de Lazaro
Senior Lecturer in Museum Studies
- Dr Simon O'Meara
Reader in the History of Architecture & Archaeology of the Islamic Middle East
- Professor Ashley Thompson
Hiram W. Woodward Chair in Southeast Asian Art,
- Dr Heidi Tan
Lecturer in Curating and Museology
- Dr Crispin Branfoot
Reader in the History of South Asian Art and Archaeology
- Dr Taghreed Alsaraj
General Manager of Education and Talent Development, Saudi Museums

Wednesday 10am

3 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 10:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Professor Laura Hammond
- **Honorary Graduand** – Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Anna Lindley
- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Matteo Rizzo

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **Procession leaves to musical accompaniment** – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
- The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Atrium, Paul Webley Wing, SOAS

Procession

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| • Mr Duncan Franklin
Mace Bearer | • Professor Elisa Van Waeyenberge
Dean of College of Social Sciences |
| • Ms Zeinab Badawi
President | • Dr Sarah Njeri
Lecturer in Humanitarian and Development Studies |
| • Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE
The Chair of the Board of Trustees | • Dr Ros Taplin
Reader in Environmental Management (Education) |
| • Professor Adam Habib
Vice-Chancellor | • Dr Annabel de Frece
Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Development |
| • Professor Joanna Newman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost | • Professor Dzodzi Tsikata
Distinguished Research Professor |
| • Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili
Honorary Graduand | • Dr Alessandra Mezzadri
Reader in Global Development & Political Economy |
| • Professor Laura Hammond
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Knowledge Exchange | • Professor Naomi Hossain
Global Research Professor |
| • Mr Khadir Meer
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Finance & Operations | • Dr Lisa Tilley
Senior Lecturer in Development Studies |
| • Dr Anna Lindley
Reader in Migration, Mobility and Development | • Professor Tom Tanner
Professor of Climate and Society |
| • Dr Matteo Rizzo
Senior Lecturer in Development Studies | • Professor Carlos Oya
Head of Department of Development Studies |

Wednesday 2pm

3 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 14:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Dr Shabnum Tejani
- **Honorary Graduand** – Dr Ramachandra Guha
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Richard Alexander

- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **Procession leaves to musical accompaniment** – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
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Honorary Graduand
- Professor Laura Hammond
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Knowledge Exchange
- Mr Khadir Meer
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Finance & Operations

- Dr Shabnum Tejani
Senior Lecturer in the History of Modern South Asia
- Dr Richard Alexander
Senior Lecturer in Financial Law
- Professor Elisa Van Waeyenberge
Dean of College of Social Sciences
- Dr Alberto Asquer
Reader in Public Policy and Management
- Dr M. Kerem Coban
Lecturer in Public Policy & Management
- Dr Buhong Liu
Lecturer in Finance
- Dr Wenwei Li
Lecturer in Marketing
- Dr Isaiah Oino
Senior Lecturer in Accounting

Wednesday 6pm

3 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 18:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Professor Carlos Oya
- **Honorary Graduand** – Mr Gary Stevenson
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Dr Satoshi Miyamura

- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
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Head of Department of Development Studies

- Dr Satoshi Miyamura
Head of Department of Economics
- Professor Elisa Van Waeyenberge
Dean of College of Social Sciences
- Professor Graeme Earl
Dean of College of Humanities
- Dr Yannis Dafermos
Reader in Economics
- Professor Daniela Gabor
Professor of Economics
- Professor Antonio Andreoni
Professor of Development Economics
- Dr Anuja Bajaj
Lecturer in Economics
- Dr Ezgi Unsal
Lecturer in Economics

Thursday 10am

4 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 10:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Professor Antonio Andreoni
- **Honorary Graduand** – Lord David Sainsbury
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Professor Rochana Bajpai

- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Professor Stephen Chan

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

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Mace Bearer | • Professor Stephen Chan
Professor of Politics |
| • Ms Zeinab Badawi
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| • Professor Adam Habib
Vice-Chancellor | • Professor Matthew Nelson
Head of Department of Politics |
| • Professor Joanna Newman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost | • Dr Alexej Ulbricht
Senior Lecturer in Political Theory |
| • Lord David Sainsbury
Honorary Graduand | • Professor Dafydd Fell
Professor of Comparative Politics |
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Professor of Politics | |

Thursday 2pm

4 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 14:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **The Chair of the Board of Trustees** – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- **Honorary Citation** – Professor Sanjay Srivastava
- **Honorary Graduand** – Ms Rebecca John
- **Presentation of Graduands** – Professor Mashood Baderin

- **Musical Interlude** – Baque Luar

Closing Address

- **Vice-Chancellor** – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- **The President** – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- **Procession leaves to musical accompaniment** – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
- The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Atrium, Paul Webley Wing, SOAS

Procession

Please rise when the Procession enters the hall and remain standing until they are seated.

- Ms Vanessa Donovan
Mace Bearer
- Ms Zeinab Badawi
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Lecturer in Law
- Dr Nuhu Yidana
Lecturer in Law
- Dr Sidonia Lucia Kula
Lecturer in Law and Gender

Thursday 6pm

4 September 2025

Order of Ceremony

Friends House, Euston Road | London

- 18:00 Announcements and musical performance
- Procession enters to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate

Welcome

- The President – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- The Chair of the Board of Trustees – Lord Dr Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Awards

- Honorary Citation – Professor Emilia Onyema
- Honorary Graduand – Mr Harry Matovu
- Presentation of Graduands – Professor Catherine Dolan, Professor Stephen Chan
- Musical Interlude – Baque Luar
- Presentation of Graduands – Professor Mashood Baderin

Closing Address

- Vice-Chancellor – Professor Adam Habib

Ceremony Closure

- The President – Ms Zeinab Badawi
- Procession leaves to musical accompaniment – Mr Kadialy Kouyate
- The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Atrium, Paul Webley Wing, SOAS

Procession

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