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In this task it will build on two essential assets. First, it is based in London, a city which has unrivalled contemporary and historical connections and communications with the Middle East: political, social, cultural, commercial, scientific and educational. Secondly, the LMEI is at SOAS, the only tertiary educational institution in the world whose explicit purpose is to provide training and scholarship on the whole Middle East from prehistory until today.

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The 2013/14 academic year was a particularly exciting year in the life of the London Middle East Institute.

In November 2013, we moved to our new home – 21 Russell Square – a prominent historic building adjacent to the vibrant SOAS Bloomsbury precinct, aptly renamed the ‘MBI Al Jaber Building’, in recognition of a generous donation to SOAS from the MBI Al Jaber Foundation – the London-based charitable foundation which promotes better understanding between the Middle East and the wider world through education and culture. The move has not only given us a dedicated home within the SOAS community, it has also expanded our quality physical space to take on new projects and initiatives and accommodate more researchers and visiting fellows.

The initiatives in this report – a mixture of old and new – are a testament to the range and diversity of LMEI’s interests as well as the high quality of regional expertise, from inside and outside SOAS, on which we draw. As always, we have continued to support our well-established and ongoing programmes but at same time we have introduced an excellent range of pioneering initiatives. These included the high-profile conference: ‘GCC Demographic Change in the GCC States: Economic and Social Implications’.

Our two sub-centres – The Centre for Iranian Studies and The Centre for Palestine Studies – continue to play a key role. They have continued to provide a clear academic identity and focus for their respective constituencies and have helped galvanise much energy and interest in these fields, as evidenced by various academic and cultural events reported in this volume.

Likewise, our flagship magazine The Middle East in London continues as a cornerstone of our outreach activities, attracting a lot of interest. Exciting and new programmes have not prevented us from attending to our longer-term and continuing interests and commitments. You will get a sense of our other busy schedules throughout the year by glancing through this report: from our regular lecture series on the contemporary Middle East to various occasional lectures, debating panels, cultural events, book launches and, of course, publications.

As the world continues to watch our region – with awe and apprehension at times – we remain convinced of the pertinence of our mission for both academic milieu and the wider communities.

My hope is for this gift to enable the LMEI to flourish in its new home and welcome many more students, researchers, government organisations, media and business people from around the world to engage in its activities and increase their understanding of the Middle East and North Africa.’

Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber
Founding Patron and Donor
This has been an exciting year for The Middle East in London, the LMEI’s bimonthly magazine. New connections have been forged with art galleries, both in London and abroad, in an effort to feature the works of contemporary artists from the region both on the cover and inside the magazine. Parastou Forouhar, Laila Shawa, Gülay Semercioğlu and Amin Roshan are just a handful of the artists whose work has appeared in the magazine this year. Additionally, after receiving hundreds of entries, the results of the magazine’s first photo competition were announced in February-March. The competition was such a success that a second one is now underway.

Themes covered this year are ‘Culinary Connections’ (guest editors Sarah Searight and Nevsal Hughes), ‘Iran – Sixty Years after the Coup’ (guest editor Narguess Farzad and Hassan Hakimian), ‘Palestine’ (guest editors Roger Hardy and Adam Hanieh), ‘Turkey’ (guest editors Ionis Thompson and Sarah Searight) and ‘Oil – Past, Present, Future’ (guest editor Nelida Fuccaro and Hassan Hakimian). As always, articles have covered a wide range of topics.

In January 2014 Megan Wang, who received a Master’s Degree in Muslim Cultures from the Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, took over as the magazine’s Coordinating Editor.

The editorial board bid a warm farewell to three outstanding board members – Najm Jarrah, Max Scott and Roger Hardy. Their contributions and connections proved to be invaluable resources, actively working to improve the calibre of the publication. New to the board are Barnaby Rogerson, author and publisher, and Dr Hadi Enayat of AKU ISMC.

Members of the LMEI can access the magazine via www.lmei.soas.ac.uk.

For more information on The Middle East in London visit www.soas.ac.uk/lmei/.

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The recent mass uprisings against autocratic rulers in the Arab world have highlighted the potency of Islamist forces in post-revolutionary societies, a force arguably unlocked first by Iran’s version of the ‘spring’ three decades ago. This book is concerned with the economic aspects and consequences of the Iranian Revolution in general and its interaction with the international economy in particular. The contributions to this volume from experts in the field address ways in which, in the span of three decades, Iran’s economy has evolved from a strong aspiration to develop an ‘independent economy’ to grappling with debilitating international economic sanctions.

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For a full list of LMEI publications contact the Executive Officer at lmei@soas.ac.uk
The following is a list of the broad range of events organised by the LMEI, either solely or in partnership with other institutions, in the 2013-14 academic year.

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<td>Mariz Tadros, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td>Egypt in Flux: Essays on an Unfinished Revolution</td>
<td>Adel Iskander, Georgetown University&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td>20 Nov</td>
<td>Tunisia Needs to Rethink Its Economic Policy</td>
<td>Francis Ghilès, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td>5 Jun</td>
<td>The Maghreb and The Arab Uprisings: What is the Current State of Play?</td>
<td>A panel discussion with Gilbert Achcar, SOAS; George Joffe, University of Cambridge; Mohamed-Salah Omri, University of Oxford and Michael Willis, University of Oxford&lt;br&gt;Chair: Karima Laachir, SOAS&lt;br&gt;Organised by: Maghreb Academic Network and the London Middle East Institute.</td>
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<td>Toby Matthiesen, University of Cambridge&lt;br&gt;Chair: Arshin Adib-Moghaddam, SOAS</td>
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<td>14 Nov</td>
<td>The Economic Realities of the Yemeni Conflict</td>
<td>Nora Ann Colton, University of East London&lt;br&gt;Organised by the British-Yemeni Society in association with the London Middle East Institute.</td>
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<td>Qatar and the Arab Spring: Policy Responses and Consequences</td>
<td>Kristian Coates-Ulrichsen, Baker III Institute of Public Policy at Rice University in Houston&lt;br&gt;Chair: Nelida Fuccaro, SOAS</td>
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<td>Researching Dress in Saudi Arabia: Lessons and Opportunities</td>
<td>Aisa Martinez, LMEI&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td>Half-day seminar organised by the British-Yemeni Society and the London Middle East Institute. Sponsered by the MBI Al Jaber Foundation.</td>
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<td>Economic Prospects and Policy Challenges in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries</td>
<td>Timothy Callen, International Monetary Fund (IMF)&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td>30-31 May</td>
<td>Demographic Change in the GCC States: Economic and Social Implications</td>
<td>A two-day conference organised by the London Middle East Institute and sponsored by University College of Bahrain.</td>
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Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Oxford University, studies the proceedings of the 2013 LMEI conference, ‘Yemen: Challenges for the Future’ at the BYS Annual Lecture.
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<td><strong>Women and Turkish Cinema: Gender Politics, Cultural Identity and Representation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Eylem Atakav, University of East Anglia&lt;br&gt;Part of the ‘Seminars on Turkey’ seminar series organised by the LMEI Modern Turkish Studies Programme. Sponsored by Nurol Bank. Convened by Benjamin Fortna, SOAS.</td>
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<td><strong>‘Facing and Reckoning with the Past’ in Turkey’s Witness-sites: The Case of the Madımak Hotel</strong>&lt;br&gt;Eray Çaylı, UCL&lt;br&gt;Part of the ‘Seminars on Turkey’ seminar series, see above for details.</td>
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<td><strong>The AKP Government at Home and Abroad: A Bundle of Contradictions</strong>&lt;br&gt;William Hale, SOAS&lt;br&gt;Part of the ‘Seminars on Turkey’ seminar series, see above for details.</td>
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<td><strong>Writing ‘Abdullah Gül and the New Turkey’</strong>&lt;br&gt;Gerald MacLean, University of Exeter&lt;br&gt;Part of the ‘Seminars on Turkey’ seminar series, see above for details.</td>
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<td><strong>Macedonians in Anatolia: The Importance of the C.U.P.’s Macedonian Roots for their Policies in Anatolia after 1914</strong>&lt;br&gt;Erik Jan Zürcher, Leiden University&lt;br&gt;Part of the ‘Seminars on Turkey’ seminar series, see above for details.</td>
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<td><strong>The Arab Uprising: Results and Prospects</strong>&lt;br&gt;Panel Discussion/Book Launch with Gilbert Achcar, Nadje al-Ali, Adam Hanieh and Salwa Ismaïl to mark the publication of Gilbert Achcar’s <em>The People Want: A Radical Exploration of the Arab Uprising</em> (Saqi Books, 2013).&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td><strong>The Possibility of Modern Middle Eastern Jewish Thought</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moshe Behar, University of Manchester, Yair Wallach, SOAS and Sami Zubaida, Birkbeck College&lt;br&gt;Chair: Laleh Khalili, SOAS&lt;br&gt;Organised jointly with the Centre for Jewish Studies.</td>
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<td><strong>Arabs and Israelis: Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East</strong>&lt;br&gt;Abdel Moneim Said Aly, Regional Center for Strategic Studies, Cairo, Shai Feldman, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, US, and Khalil Shikaki, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramallah&lt;br&gt;Chair: Charles Tripp, SOAS</td>
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<td><strong>Lineages of Revolt: Issues of Contemporary Capitalism in the Middle East</strong>&lt;br&gt;Panel discussion with Adam Hanieh, SOAS, Gilbert Achcar, SOAS, Jamie Allinson, University of Westminster and Brenna Bhandar, SOAS&lt;br&gt;Chair: Hassan Hakimian</td>
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<td><strong>The Hadassah and Daniel Khalili Memorial Lecture in Islamic Art and Culture: A Battle of Books: ‘Abbasid Patronage and Qur’anic Manuscripts</strong>&lt;br&gt;François Déroche, Director of Studies, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques, Paris</td>
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Chair: Doris Behrens-Abouseif, SOAS
Organised by the Islamic Art Circle and the London Middle East Institute.

6 Feb  **Mariam Michtawi Book Launch**
Organised by the London Middle East Institute and London Arabic Publications.

10 Mar  **Professor Keith McLachlan - Memorial Evening**
Organised by the London Middle East Institute and the British Institute of Persian Studies.

24 May  **Spring in Persian Classical Music and Literature**
Concert organised by the Poetry and Music Chamber of Iranians in the UK in association with the London Middle East Institute.

28 May  **Why is the British Museum Collecting Modern and Contemporary Art from the Middle East?**
Venetia Porter, British Museum
Organised by the British Foundation for the Study of Arabia in association with the London Middle East Institute.

21 Jun  **Syria - Correcting the Narrative, Building Solidarity**
A one-day conference organised by the Center for Middle East Studies, Josef Korbel, School of International Studies, University of Denver and the London Middle East Institute.

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**Research Projects**

FEMISE Association Project 2011-2013, Three-year research project on 'Inclusive Growth in MENA: Employment and Poverty Dimensions in a Comparative Context'

Art of Heritage, Saudi Arabia Project 2011-2014, Three-year research project into material culture of Saudi Arabia, particularly its traditions of women’s clothing and embroidery.

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**Consultancies**

26-27 Nov  **FCO Briefing on Political Islam**
Organised by the Research and Enterprise Office, SOAS and the London Middle East Institute.

12 Dec  **Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc**
Charles Tripp, SOAS

4-5 Mar  **FCO Briefing on Political Islam**
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**Professor Philippe Fargues, Dr Hassan Hakimian and Professor David Coleman, Conference on Demographic Change in the GCC States: Economic and Social Implications, May 2014**
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31 Oct **Journey Through Iranian Cinema with Mark Cousins**
Dir: Ehsan Khoshbakht.
Chair: Saeed Zeydabadi-Nejad, SOAS

13 Nov **The ‘Marvellous’ Life and Thought of Ahmad Fardid**
Ali Mirsepassi, New York University
Chair: Arshin Adib-Moghadam, SOAS
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies and the Department of Politics and International Studies.

22 Nov **A Night with Young Iranian and Afghan Poets at SOAS: Granaz Mousavi, Fatemeh Shams and Reza Mohammadi**
Organised by the Centre for Iranian Studies.

10 Dec **Sanctions on Iran, International Law and International Human Rights Standards**
Mansour Talebpour, Centre for Iranian Studies, SOAS
Chair: Hassan Hakimian

13 Dec **Kings, Heroes and Zoroastrianism in Persian Literature**
Reading with Narguess Farzad, SOAS, Vesta Sarkhosh Curtis, British Museum and Sarah Stewart, SOAS

13 Jan **Iran: A Cinematographic Revolution + Facing Mirrors**
UKIFF in association with the Centre for Iranian Studies.

18 Feb **The Myth of Perfidious Albion: Anglo-Iranian Relations in Historical Context**
Ali Ansari, St Andrews
Chair: Hassan Hakimian

19 Feb **The Myth of Bastoor and The Children of Iranian Independent Cinema**
Farshad Zahedi, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

20 Feb **‘Attâr’s Canticle of the Birds: a Thirteenth-Century Persian Sufi Masterpiece of Poetry and Art**
Michael Barry, Princeton University
Chair: Jane Lewisohn, SOAS

5 Mar **The Syrian Crisis and Its Impact on Iran-Turkey-Syria Relations**
Ozden Zeynep Oktay, Yildiz Technical University and St Andrews University
Chair: Arshin Adib-Moghadam, SOAS

11 Mar **An Historical Overview of the Iranian Presidency: 1979-2013**
Siavush Ranjbar-Daemi, University of Manchester.
Chair: Ziba Moshavar

15 Mar **Spring Equinox Concert**
Organised by Light of Music and the Centre for Iranian Studies.

29 Apr **Women, Power and Politics in 21st Century Iran**
Tara Povey, SOAS, Mehri Honarbin-Holliday, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS and Elaheh Rostami-Povey, Centre for Iranian Studies
Chair: Shirin Shafaie, SOAS

30 Apr **Russian-Iranian Relations: Main Principles and Future Perspectives**
Nikolay Kozhanov, St Petersburg State University, Russia
Chair: Shirin Shafaie, SOAS

13 May **Persian Service: The BBC and British Interests in Iran**
A panel discussion with Behrouz Afagh, BBC World; Ali Ansari, Institute for Iranian Studies, University of St Andrews and John Downing, Southern Illinois University to mark the publication of Annabelle Sreberny’s and Massoumeh Torfeh’s book *Persian Service: The BBC and British Interests in Iran* (I.B. Tauris, 2014).
Chair: Dina Matar, SOAS.

15 May **The Limits of Sasanian History: Between Iranian, Islamic and Late Antique Studies**
Touraj Daryaee, Oxford University and University of California, Irvine
Chair: Jane Lewisohn, SOAS
Centre for Palestine Studies

The Centre for Palestine Studies held its first annual lecture in March 2014. The lecture, on *Palestine and Palestine Studies, One Century since the First World War and the Balfour Declaration*, was delivered by the senior Palestinian historian, Professor Walid Khalidi, founder and director of the Institute for Palestine Studies (Beirut and Washington).

The Centre was also delighted to announce *The SOAS Palestine Studies Series*, a joint initiative between SOAS and the publisher, I.B.Tauris. The series will be developed under the direction of the Centre for Palestine Studies, chaired by Professor Gilbert Achcar, Professor of Development Studies and International Relations at SOAS. It aims to publish between three and five titles per year by established and first-time authors in the vast field of Palestine studies including politics, history, media, development studies, sociology, visual culture and current affairs.

5-6 Oct  **Self-Critique Two Decades After Oslo**  
Two-day international conference organised by the SOAS Palestine Society and hosted by the Centre for Palestine Studies and the LMEI.

12 Nov **The New Internationalism, High-Risk Activism and Popular Struggle against the Israeli Occupation in the West Bank**  
Joel Beinin, Stanford University  
Chair: Gilbert Achcar, SOAS

23 Jan  **An Insight into the Forced Displacement of the Bedouin in Israel under Prawer**  
Thabet Abu Rass, Adalah

25 Feb  **Falafel King: Culinary Customs and National Narratives in Palestine**  
Zeina Ghandour, Birkbeck  
Chair: Dina Matar, SOAS

5 Mar  **The Idea of the State of Israel: A History of Power and Knowledge**  
Ilan Pappé

06 Mar  **Palestine and Palestine Studies, One Century since the First World War and the Balfour Declaration**  
Centre for Palestine Studies First Annual Lecture  
Walid Khalidi, Institute for Palestine Studies, Beirut

24 Apr  **The Dupes (Al Makhdu’un)**  
Film screening organised by the Centre for Palestine Studies.

16 Jun  **Creation Under Occupation**  
Nabil Al-Raee, Artistic Director of The Freedom Theatre, Palestine  
Organised by The Freedom Theatre and hosted by the Centre for Palestine Studies and the London Middle East Institute.

Summer School

The LMEI held its second Middle East Summer School in 2014 which saw the addition of a new course on ‘Culture and Society in the Middle East’ alongside Beginners Arabic (at introductory level) and ‘Government and Politics of the Middle East’.

This year’s Summer School followed on from last year’s success with students from both within the UK and overseas taking part in the programme.

**Comments from students included:**

‘A great experience! A good balance between intensive language classes and more relaxed contextual classes that provide a frame of reference. The amount of work expected from students after class is also perfect, with mandatory readings as well as optional ones.’
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Acknowledgements

In 2013/14, as in previous years, LMEI entertained ambitious plans for a wide variety of events, academic and cultural. It would have been impossible for the Institute’s small staff to have succeeded in staging all of these without the assistance of many helpers. Thanks must go to all the SOAS staff who have supported the LMEI over the year: the Conference Office, the Caterers, the AV and IT departments, SOAS photographer Glenn Ratcliffe, the Print Room, Post Room and Estates Department. Particular thanks are due to Jane Wood for her assistance with the Institute’s finances.

We are also grateful to all the individuals who have volunteered their time, resources and energies to help.
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 July 2013

Unrestricted Funds £ Restricted Funds £ Total Funds 2013 £ Total Funds 2012 £

Incoming Resources
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds
Donations, sponsorship and similar income 196,270 40,000 236,270 229,244
Interest receivable 35 - 35 51

Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities
Training programmes and professional services 71,103 - 71,103 23,662
Conferences, events and publications 109,723 - 109,723 46,825
Affiliations 23,620 - 22,620 5,773

Other Incoming Resources
Advertising 1,403 - 1,403 2,015

Total Incoming Resources 402,154 40,000 442,154 308,170

Resources Expended
Costs of Charitable Activities
Training programmes and professional services 68,947 1,560 68,507 37,571
Conferences, events and publications 233,679 5,184 238,842 214,837
Research 1,027 14,336 15,163 9,210
Affiliations 11,074 780 1,854 9,960

Governance Costs 30,647 390 30,057 33,781

Total Resources Expended 343,375 22,030 365,403 305,459

Net incoming (outgoing) resources 58,781 17,970 76,751 2,717

Total Funds Brought Forward 41,175 21,464 62,639 59,928

Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 July 99,956 39,434 139,390 62,639

The Statement of Financial Activity includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2013

Unrestricted Funds £ Restricted Funds £ Total Funds 2013 £ Total Funds 2012 £

Current Assets
Debtors 10,643 - 10,643 5,746
Short term deposits 10,834 - 10,834 10,819
Cash at bank and in hand 143,974 39,434 183,408 94,269

Total 174,451 39,434 213,885 110,834

Creditor: Amounts Falling Due within One Year 74,495 - 74,495 48,185

Net Current Assets 99,956 39,434 139,390 62,639

Unrestricted Funds 99,956 - 99,956 41,175
Restricted Funds - 39,434 39,434 21,464

Total Funds 99,956 39,434 139,390 62,639

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions available to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Professor Paul Webley
Chairman

19 February 2014
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