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***BRISMES Presents Award for Services to Middle Eastern Studies to Professor Karma Nabulsi***

BRISMES is delighted to award the 2023 Award for Services to Middle Eastern Studies to Professor Karma Nabulsi, who is Emeritus Fellow in Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford's Department of Politics and International Relations as well as Fellow in Politics at St Edmund Hall.

Karma is well known as scholar of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century political thought, particularly on the laws of war as well as questions of representation and democracy. But it is as a committed teacher and champion of several generations of undergraduate students that we wish to honour her here. Throughout her career, Karma has been a bulwark in the defence of student welfare and academic freedom. She was particularly instrumental in highlighting the destructive and damaging aspects of Prevent legislation when it was first introduced and then implemented.

More recently, Karma initiated and directed the digital humanities project, *The Palestinian Revolution*. Alongside Professor Abdel Razzaq Takriti, and in conjunction with universities in Palestine, Cuba and South Africa, Karma worked tirelessly to develop an Arabic-English teaching resource that will be used by students and scholars for decades to come. Developed over six years, the project provides an unparalleled 12-week course exploring Palestinian revolutionary thought and practice. The teaching modules are accompanied by an abundance of primary sources including oral history interviews with activists and organizers, posters, photographs and an array of original documents translated for the first time. In doing so, *The Palestinian Revolution* offers educators and students an invaluable resource, one that will forever change the way the Palestinian struggle is taught, learned and understood. At a time when scholarship on Palestine skews all too far in favour of the prisms of war, conflict, combat and hostility, this project forces those who confront it to think otherwise, to consider and contemplate the aspirations and ambitions of a liberatory movement.

For this, and for the many other contributions across her distinguished career, we would like to honour Karma Nabulsi as this year's recipient of the BRISMES Award for Services to Middle Eastern Studies.

*José Ciro Martínez*  
*BRISMES Secretary*  
*On behalf of BRISMES Council*  
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