



BRISMES

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Elections for BRISMES Committees

In 2020, BRISMES Council decided to create a number of subcommittees to improve the governance of the professional association. Currently, we are hoping to expand the Committee on Academic Freedom and the Communications Committee, and are seeking nominations for these elected positions.

The BRISMES **Committee on Academic Freedom** was set up to monitor and defend academic freedom in the research, study and teaching of Middle East Studies in the UK and anywhere in the world, including in academic institutions in the Middle East and North Africa. Much of the work of the committee involves writing correspondence with (among others) government entities, professional associations, and Universities, regarding violations of academic freedom in/of relevance to the Middle East and North Africa. Please [click here](#) to read the Terms of Reference for this committee.

We are hoping to recruit up to **six new members** for this committee. We are particularly interested in BRISMES members, including graduate student members, with expertise in North Africa, the Gulf States, Iraq and Iran. Members of this committee serve for three years and are expected to be lead drafters of about three letters per year.

The BRISMES **Communications Committee** was set up to oversee and assist in the production of the newsletter, but most importantly in administering BRISMES's social media and website content so as to increase the visibility of the association. New members of this committee will help BRISMES manage and introduce content on its Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube accounts.

We are hoping to recruit up to **two new members** for this committee. We are particularly interested in **graduate student and early career members**.

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of these committees, please send a one paragraph bio including relevant experience for or particular interest in the role as well as an image to BRISMES's manager Amy Brickhill at office@brismes.org by May 15, 2022.

BRISMES will carry out online elections for these positions in June, ahead of our annual conference. For any queries about these roles contact Neve Gordon neve.gordon@qmul.ac.uk.