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The Grant Holders' Workshop

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Information for Participants

Workshop Venue

Helen Langan Room
British Academy
10-11 Carlton House Terrace
SW1Y 5AH
London

Directions

Carlton House Terrace is 10 minutes walking from the tube stations of Charing Cross (Cockspur Street exit) or Piccadilly Circus (Lower Regent Street exit)

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Friday, 27 November 2026

10:30 AM	Arrival and Coffee
10:50 AM	Introduction and Welcome **Evaleila Pesaran,** Outreach Director, BIPS
Session 1 **11:00-12:30 PM**	**Sara Bamdad,** De Montfort University *Perceptions of Trans Reproductive Bodies in Social Media in Iran* **Jack Roush,** LSE *David Rockefeller and Iranian Financial Diplomacy during the 1970s* **Khosrow Tousi,** SOAS *On the Way to the World Stage: Mohammad Ali Foroughi at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference*
12:30-1:00 PM	Lunch
Session 2 **1:00-2:00 PM**	**Assef Ashraf,** University of Cambridge *E.G. Browne and the Making of Iranian Studies* **Maryam Heydarkhani,** University of Oxford *Architecture and Social Role of Qajar Madrasas*
2:00-2:30 PM	Coffee break

Session 3
2.30-4:00 PM

Steve Renette, University of Cambridge
An Assyrian and Hellenistic-Parthian Outpost at Kani Shaie in the Zagros Foothills of Northeastern Iraq

Stefano Cecatiello, University College London
Unearthing the Archives: Legacy Data and the Materiality of Religion in the Late Antique Bukhara Oasis

Ruzbeh Hodiwala, SOAS
Becoming Zoroastrian: A Study of a Neo-Zoroastrian Movement in Europe

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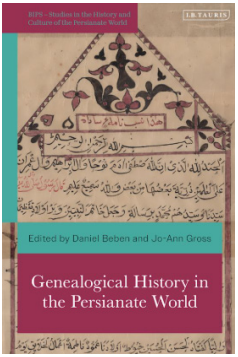
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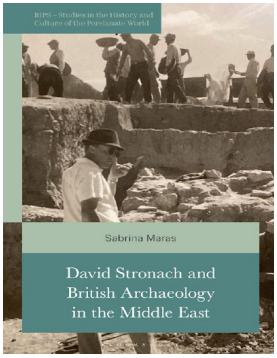
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