



# Gender Studies



**SOAS provides a stimulating, challenging, collaborative and diverse environment – the perfect backdrop in which to grapple with the many issues that are current, relevant and controversial in Gender Studies.**

As a student you will find yourself joining a community where analytical thinking is encouraged by our experts and your peers. We seek to promote interdisciplinary research – our experts undertake research in women's, gender and sexuality studies with regards to African, Asian and Middle Eastern cultures and their diasporas, alongside those versed in other disciplines including anthropology, development, law, languages and cultures.

With access to great teaching and research from within SOAS as well as visiting scholars, you will join a place where collaboration is key to knowledge exchange.

## Structure and assessment

Students take taught modules to the value of 180 credits and complete a dissertation (60 credits) – unless stated otherwise

## Entry requirements

Minimum upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent) – unless stated otherwise

## English language requirement

Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with 6.5 in writing and speaking and 6.0 in reading and listening. Visit [www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements](http://www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements) for alternative acceptable qualifications

## Duration

One calendar year (full-time); two, three years (part-time, daytime only)



### Taught Masters Programmes

- MA Gender Studies
- MA Gender and Sexuality
- MA Gender Studies and Law

### Pathway

- MA Gender Studies with Special Reference to the Middle East



### More Information

[www.soas.ac.uk/genderstudies](http://www.soas.ac.uk/genderstudies)



## Championing the rights of displaced people

Over three years, Dr Ruba Salih, Reader in Gender Studies, has conducted research in communities of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, the West Bank and Jordan. Funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation, Dr Salih has worked on a project entitled 'Palestinian Refugees' Strategies of Conflict Resolution: Reconciling Citizenship, Rights and Return.' Rather than seeing Palestinian refugees only in relation to their return, compensation or resettlement, or as victims of nation-states' wars or ethnic cleansing projects, the research sought to study refugees from a new angle, examining the daily life experiences of individuals of several generations, many of whom have lived for significant periods in the same refugee camps – some for their entire lives. As a result, the researchers gained insight into self-made social, economic and political structures that represent creative approaches to conflict resolution.

**Dr Ruba Salih**

Project title: 'Palestinian Refugees' Strategies of Conflict Resolution: Reconciling Citizenship Rights and Return'



As I studied the career trajectory of people with high-level jobs in policy and NGOs, I was surprised to see how many of them got their start in consultancies. While academia equips you to understand the causes of a problem, consulting teaches you how to strategize and implement a solution. I decided to pursue jobs in consultancies in order to develop this skill set.

I also knew I'd enjoy the day-to-day work. As a people-person, I was motivated by the chance to contribute as an integral part of a team. And I love the intellectual stimulation that comes from the constant exposure to new industries.

After studying with such an international cohort at SOAS, I'm thrilled at the diversity of my co-workers at BCG Middle East. Over 50 nationalities are represented in the Dubai office alone!

**Candace Evilsizor**

**Degree:** MA Gender Studies with Reference to the Middle East, 2017

**Job title:** Associate, Boston Consulting Group



## MA Gender Studies

### Convenor: Dr Awino Okech

This is an interdisciplinary programme that encourages students to engage with diverse theoretical standpoints to facilitate a re-reading of Western theories about gender in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The course offers students a critical engagement with feminist scholarship from these geo-political zones thereby enhancing their knowledge on gender theory.

Students will be exposed to interdisciplinary perspectives which is characteristic of the learning environment at SOAS.

### Fees

- £10,970 (Home/EU)
- £20,125 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core module

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East (30 credits)
- Dissertation Methods for Gender Studies (15 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 75 credits - at least 30 credits must be taken from both Lists 1 and 2.

#### List 1

- Arabic Women's Writing: Theories and Practices (30 credits)
- Gender, Armed Conflict and International Law (15 credits)
- Gendering Migration and Diasporas (15 credits)
- Gender in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Gender and Development (15 credits)
- Gender and Music (MMus) (15 credits)
- Genders and Sexualities in South East Asian Film (15 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law: Selected Topics (15 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law: Theories and Methodologies (15 credits)
- Historical Perspectives on Gender in Africa (15 credits)
- Issues in the Anthropology of Gender (15 credits)
- Judaism and Gender (15 credits)
- Queer Politics in Asia, Africa and the Middle East (15 credits)

#### List 2

- African and Asian Cultures in Britain (15 credits)
- African and Asian Diasporas in the Contemporary World (30 credits)
- African and Asian Diasporas in the Modern World (15 credits)

- Cinema, Nation and Transcultural Asia (30 credits)
- Civil Society, Social Movements and the Development Process (15 credits)
- Comparative Politics of the Middle East (30 credits)
- Critical Perspectives on Palestine Studies I: History and Politics (15 credits)
- Critical Perspectives on Palestine Studies II: Culture and Society (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of China (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of East Africa (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of Japan (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of the Near and Middle East (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of South Asia (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East (15 credits) – see prerequisite
- Indian Cinema: Key Issues (15 credits)
- Law and Society in the Middle East and North Africa (30 credits)
- Law, Human Rights and Peace Building: The Israeli-Palestinian Case (30 credits)
- Literatures of South Asia (30 credits)
- Modern Trends in Islam (30 credits)
- Social and Political Dimensions of Modern Arabic Literature (30 credits)
- Theory and Techniques of Comparative Literature (30 credits)
- Travelling Africa: Writing the Cape to Cairo (30 credits)
- Violence, Justice and the Politics of Memory (15 credits)

#### Language optional module

One language acquisition course may be taken. Please see Faculty of Languages and Cultures for options.

## MA Gender and Sexuality

### Convenor: Dr Alyosxa Tudor

A genuine understanding of gender and sexuality is increasingly important in today's global society in terms of policy, law, governance and cultural awareness. This programme will not only strengthen your grasp of contemporaneous issues, it will do so through a lens that reaches beyond the standard European perspective.

Our distinctive focus on global matters in the context of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and their diasporas is evident in this programme, where you will be rigorously trained in contemporary gender and sexuality theories.

Students are drawn to this degree from related disciplines but also alternative backgrounds, such as anthropology, politics and literature, which means your intellectual and social horizons will be broadened during your studies.

### Fees

- £10,970 (Home/EU)
- £20,125 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core modules

Students take a total of 180 credits, including:

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East (30 credits)
- Queer Politics in Asia, Africa and the Middle East (15 credits)
- Dissertation in Gender Studies (60 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 75 credits

- Arabic Women's Writing: Theories and Practices (30 credits)
- Gender and Development (15 credits)
- Gender and Music (MMus) (15 credits)
- Gender, Armed Conflict and International Law (15 credits)
- Gendering Migration and Diasporas (15 credits)
- Gender in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Genders and Sexualities in South East Asian Film (15 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law: Theories and Methodologies (15 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law: Selected Topics (15 credits)
- Historical Perspectives on Gender in Africa (15 credits)
- Issues in the Anthropology of Gender (15 credits)
- Judaism and Gender (15 credits)

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## MA Gender Studies and Law

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### Convenor: Dr Gina Heathcote

If you are looking to advance your knowledge while specialising in an area suited to your individual needs, this programme offers a unique opportunity to customise your studies accordingly, with the added potential of pursuing an integrated partnership with an outside organisation.

Drawing on the expertise of our School of Law as well as the Centre for Gender Studies, this degree gives you access to the best of SOAS's internationally-recognised expertise on Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Alongside gender and legal theory, you therefore have the

opportunity to explore a plethora of seminal issues, such as gender in armed conflict with access to justice and dispute resolution.

### Fees

- £10,970 (Home/EU)
- £20,125 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core module

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East (30 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law:
- Theories and Methodologies (15 credits)
- Dissertation Methods in Gender Studies (15 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 60 credits – at least 30 credits must be taken from both Lists 1 and 2

#### List 1

- Arabic Women's Writing: Theories and Practices (30 credits)
- Gender and Development (15 credits)
- Gender and Music (MMus) (15 credits)
- Gender, Armed Conflict and International Law (15 credits)
- Gender in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Gendering Migration and Diasporas (15 credits)
- Genders and Sexualities in South East Asian Film (15 credits)
- Gender, Sexuality and Law: Selected Topics (15 credits)
- Historical Perspectives on Gender in Africa (15 credits)
- Issues in the Anthropology of Gender (15 credits)
- Judaism and Gender (15 credits)
- Queer Politics in Asia, Africa and the Middle East (15 credits)

#### List 2

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (30 credits)
- Colonialism, Empire and International Law (15 credits)
- Comparative Constitutional Law (15 credits)
- Foundations of International Law (15 credits)
- Human Rights and Islamic Law (30 credits)
- International Protection of Human Rights (30 credits)
- Law and Development in Africa (30 credits)
- Law and Society in the Middle East and North Africa (30 credits)
- Law, Human Rights and Peace Building: The Israeli-Palestinian Case (30 credits)
- Water and Development: Conflict and Governance (15 credits)
- Water Law: Justice and Governance (15 credits)





## MA Gender Studies with Special Reference to the Middle East

**Convenor: Dr Sabiha Allouche**

The Middle East pathway provides an introduction to a variety of contexts in which gender norms and relations in the Middle East are significant and/or contested. Themes include culture and religion; the state; the family; social movements; protests and political transformation; feminist activism; war and conflict; the media; new public spaces; sexuality and body politics.

### Fees

- £10,970 (Home/EU)
- £20,125 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core module

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East (30 credits)
- Gender in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Dissertation in Gender Studies (60 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 60 credits from the Centre for Gender Studies modules list 1 (see MA Gender Studies on the SOAS website)



