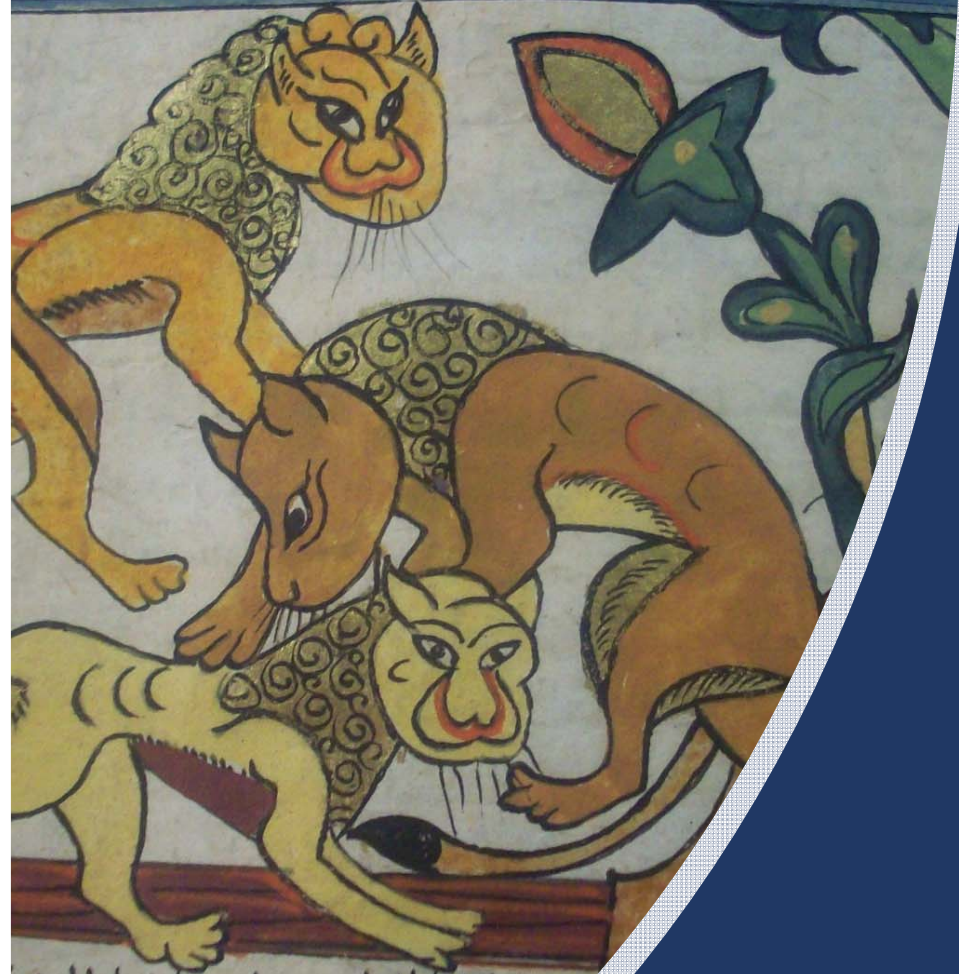


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Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies Librarianship at Oxford

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Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Librarianship at Oxford

Presenting:

- A historical overview of the Middle Eastern and Islamic collections in Oxford
- The different places where material is found
- Services available to researchers from within and outside Oxford
- Cooperation between Oxford libraries and librarians specialised in the subject
- Current issues and concerns, and challenges for the future



A satellite view of the Earth showing the Middle East, North Africa, and parts of Europe and Asia. The image is centered on the Middle East, with the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Red Sea to the south, and the Persian Gulf to the east. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

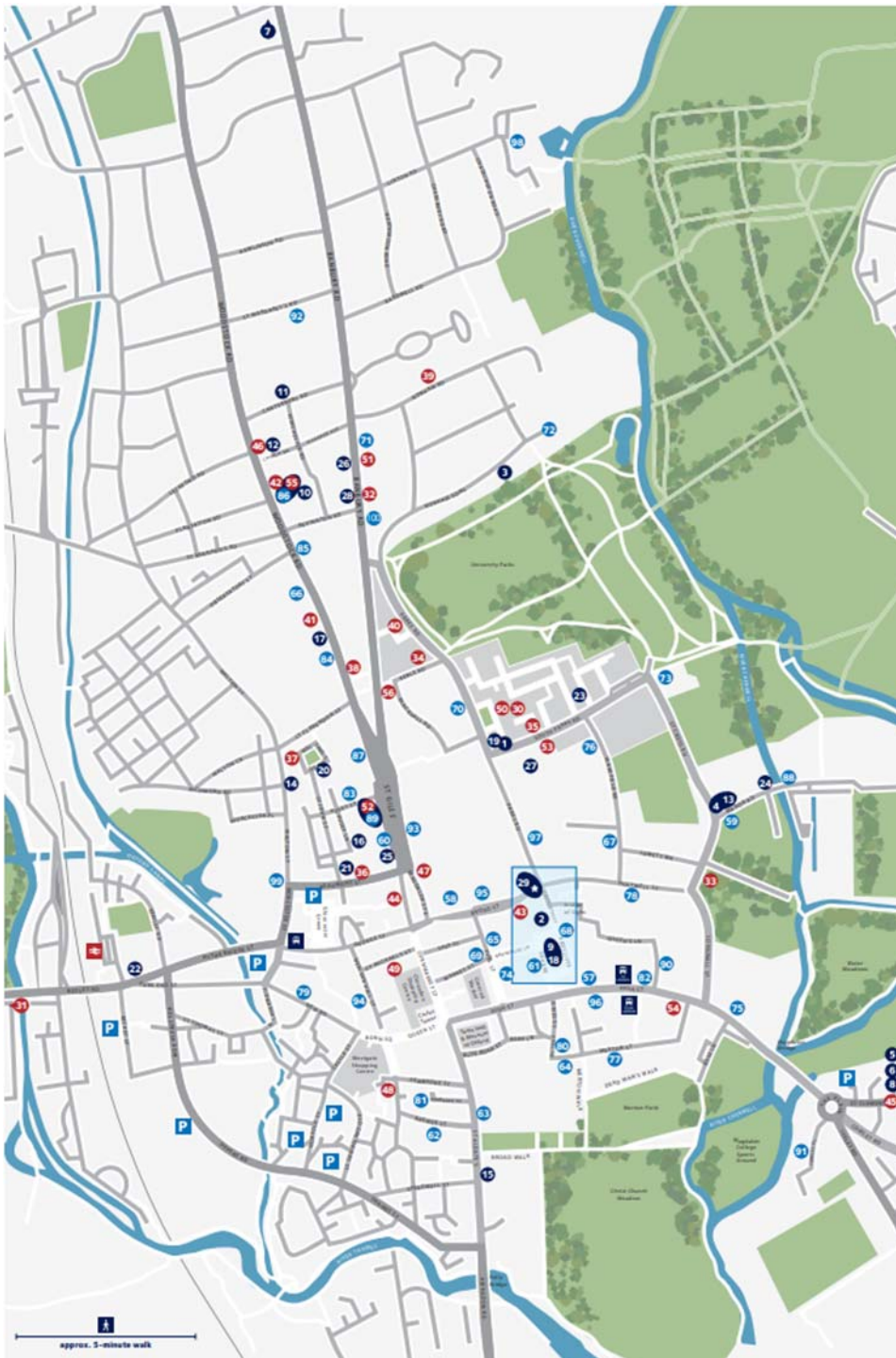
Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Librarianship at Oxford

- Intended mainly as a geographical area spanning Western Asia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, North Africa and the historical territories of the Islamic Empire.
- Material related to the languages, literatures, religions, culture and politics of these regions from pre-history to the present day.

How does it all work at Oxford?

98 Academic Libraries in Oxford including:

- 30 Bodleian Libraries
- 26 Other University Affiliated Libraries
- 42 College Libraries



Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies' Libraries in Oxford

Bodleian Libraries: The Oriental Institute Library (and The Leopold Muller Memorial Library, Sackler Library, Weston Library....)



Affiliated Libraries: Middle East Centre Library and Archive at St Antony's College

College libraries: Ferdowsi Library at Wadham College

Recognised independent centres: The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies



Arabic

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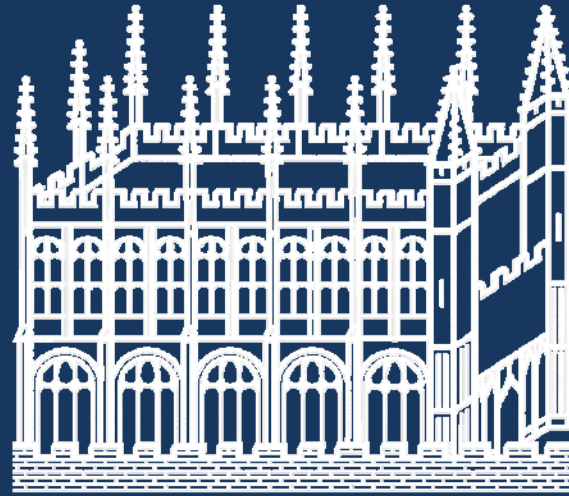
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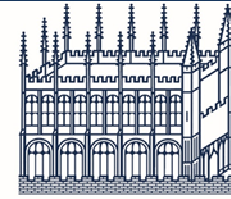
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The Bodleian's Radcliffe Camera. Photo by DAVID ILIFF. License: CC BY-SA 3.0



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- **The Bodleian Libraries are the main research libraries of the University of Oxford dating back to 1602.**
- **More than 13 million print volumes**
1,000 items added daily to the collections
- **Over 80,000 e journals and 850,000 ebooks**
- **3,800 study spaces**
600 PCs and 3 wireless networks

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/libraries

The Bodleian Libraries are a
“Legal Deposit” Library.

Entitled to a copy of every
item published in the UK and
the Republic of Ireland.

Historically this has allowed
us to amass huge printed
collections and focus our
acquisitions on collecting
materials from abroad.

In 2013 legal deposit was
extended to electronic items
such as e-journals and e-
books.



Bodleian Libraries closed stacks. Picture by Michael Williams

The Bodleian Libraries

History of our Middle Eastern & Islamic collections



The Bodleian Library

Opened 1602. ME & Isl. works collected from the outset.

Focus on Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, Turkish and at a later date also Armenian and Georgian material.

The Oriental Institute Library

Opened 1961. Faculty library created as a lending library from separate collections, often the private libraries of past professors (Margoliouth – Arabic, Thomas - Sanskrit). Worked closely with the MEC Library to avoid duplication.

Collections developed independently from the Bodleian's until it merged in 2010.

The Sackler Library

Opened as a Bodleian Library in 2001. Incorporated collections in Egyptology, Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Islamic Art, Architecture and Archaeology from the Ashmolean Museum, Griffith Institute and History of Art Department.

The Leopold Muller Memorial Library

Library for Hebraica, Judaica and Semitics. Joined the Bodleian in 2014

The Bodleian Libraries

The Middle Eastern & Islamic Special Collections Today

Location:

- Housed in the Bodleian's Weston Library and in the Bodleian's offsite store.

Acquisitions:

- Modest funds to acquire new Middle Eastern and North African manuscripts and rare books



The Oriental Charles Wendell David Reading Room, Weston Library



The New Bodleian Library, now Weston Library, ca. 1940 (Bodleian Libraries)

Collections:

- One of the most important collection of Hebrew manuscript in the World.
- Islamic manuscript collection - approximately 2,350 Arabic, 2,530 Persian, 480 Turkish manuscripts.
- Important early Arabic books (15th c. onwards), lithographic collections of classical Persian literature (19th c.), small collection of Karamanlidika.
- Important Georgian Wardrop Collection
- Chagatay manuscripts and printed Central Asian collections from before 1939.

The Bodleian Libraries

The Middle Eastern & Islamic Modern Printed Collections Today

Collections:

- Split across several Bodleian Libraries according to subject
- Main **teaching collections** for ME & Isl. Studies housed at the Oriental Institute Library
- Most research collections housed in offsite store.



The Oriental Institute Library. Photo by the Oriental Institute.



The Sackler Library. Photo by the Sackler Library

Acquisitions:

- Based on **collection development policy, teaching and research needs**. Most UK publications acquired via legal deposit. Numerous donations received. Acquisitions focused on abroad.

Services:

- Bodleian Libraries are open to all University staff and students and to external readers who apply for a Bodleian card.

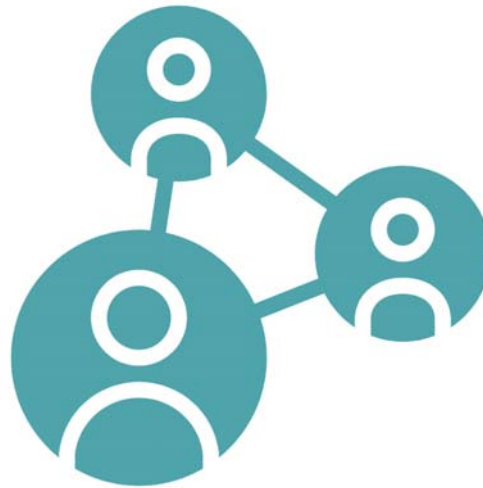
The Bodleian Staff for Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies

**Keeper of Oriental Collections
& top management**

**1 Bahari Curator of Persian
Collections, Middle Eastern &
Islamic Manuscripts**
based at the Weston Library.

**1 Nizami Ganjavi Subject
Librarian for Middle
Eastern & Islamic Studies**
based at the Oriental
Institute Library.

Future Post! - Nizami Ganjavi
Subject Librarian (Caucasian
and Central Asian Collections)



A network of **Librarians
& Curators** in other fields
some of whom cover
aspects of Middle
Eastern or Islamic Studies.

Centralised **Technical
Services staff** including
acquisition, cataloguing,
and processing staff.

Reader Services Staff in
individual libraries -
Oriental Institute
Library Team includes
1 full-time and 8 part
time staff



**THE MIDDLE EAST CENTRE
(MEC)
LIBRARY & ARCHIVE**

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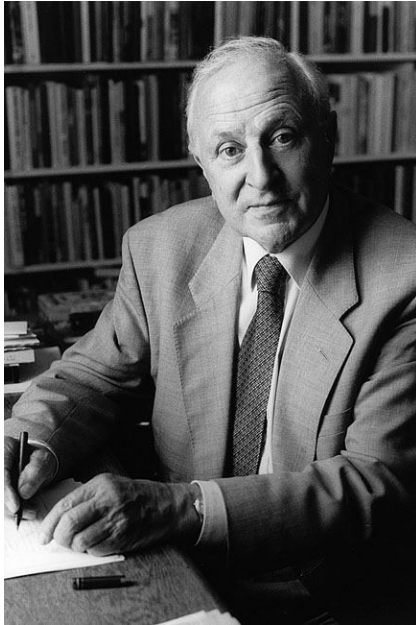
The Middle East Centre (MEC) was established by St Antony's College in 1957.

St Antony's is a graduate College of the University of Oxford. It was founded in 1950.

It specialises in international relations, economics, politics, and area studies

It houses **seven research centres** focused on Africa, Asia, Europe, Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, Russia and Eurasia as well as programmes on North America, Burma, Morocco, Sudan and Taiwan.





Albert Hourani, MEC Director, 1958-1971.

The Middle East Centre (MEC) Library (1957-)

The MEC Library started at the same time as the Centre, with at first a secretary/librarian in charge.

The first acquisitions were made by the Director of the Centre, and the first volumes came from the College Library.

By 1959 its holdings had grown to include some 2000 items (books, pamphlets and periodicals).

In 1961 a part-time Librarian was appointed. Donations started to come from various sources.





The MEC library development took over more steadily from 1961, after the publication of the *Hayter Report* which laid emphasis on the importance of developing research and teaching related to Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa to reflect changes in the world order.

Following the Report, funds were allocated for new posts, travel and libraries. The post of Middle Eastern Bibliographer was created in 1964, and a full-time librarian was appointed.



The Middle East Centre Library

Collections

- Currently about 34,000 books and serials covering all aspects of the history, politics and societies of the Arab countries, Iran, Turkey and Israel.
- Several thousands pamphlets, rare books and microfilmed periodicals in Arabic, Persian and Ottoman Turkish
- A small collection of manuscripts

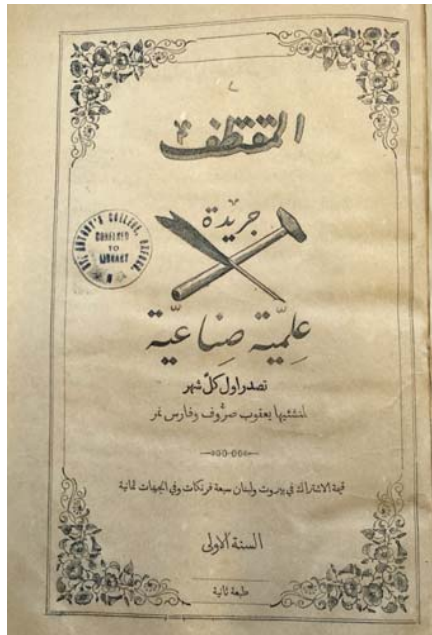
Acquisitions

- Based on collection policy, prioritising teaching's needs and also in cooperation with the Bodleian libraries.

The Team = The Librarian

Services

- The MEC Library is open to all Oxford University staff and students but also to external readers





Elizabeth Monroe, MEC Fellow, 1963-1972.

... Private papers reveal moments of truth... far removed from the bland assurance that is bound to mark statements of public policy...

The team = the MEC Archivist

Acquisitions = mainly via donations.

Services

Open to all University staff and students but also to external readers.

The Middle East Centre (MEC) Archive (1961-)

The MEC Archive was founded in 1961.

Elizabeth Monroe, with the support of Albert Hourani, began to collect private papers relating to the Middle East.

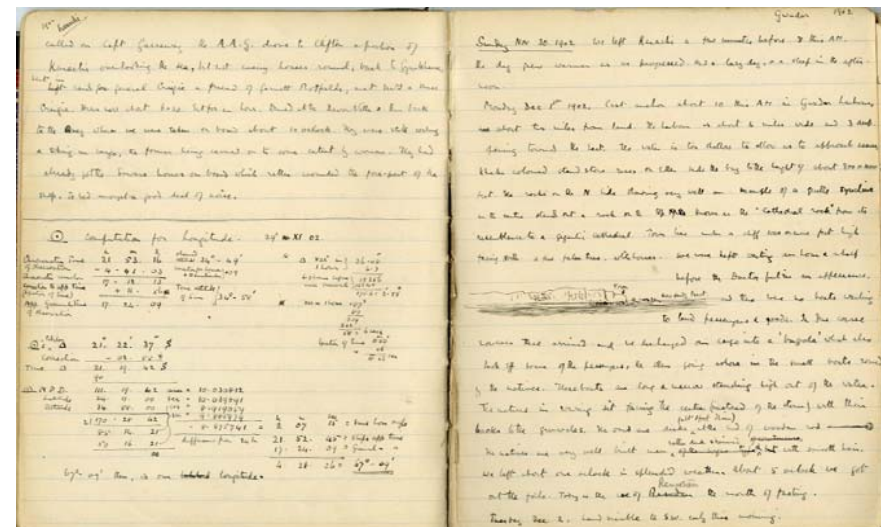
The focus was to collect private papers of people who had lived or served in the Middle East

The MEC Archive collection today

over 650 collections with a photographic collection in excess of 150,000 images.

- Personal and official papers mainly in English.
- Material in any medium including paper, video, film and various photographic formats relating to all the Arab countries, as well as Turkey and Afghanistan (1800 to the present day).

The Archive collections can be searched on the MECA website.



The Middle East Centre (MEC) Library and Archive today



The **MEC Library** and the **MEC Archive** are currently located in the Investcorp Building, designed by renowned British-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid. The building opened in 2015.



Challenges & Issues

Oxford-wide challenges

- Coverage (language expertise for acquisition and cataloguing, grey areas)
- Challenges of making acquisitions from the Middle East
- Language specialism of support staff
- Staff shortages

UK wide challenges

- Lack of career progression for specialists
- Fewer and fewer posts in Middle East & Islamic librarianship
- Cooperation with other libraries

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