Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

An institution for the advanced study of Islam and the Muslim world

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OXFORD CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 March 2026

Charity Number: 293072

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Charity registration number	293072
Solicitors	Blake Morgan LLP Seacourt Tower West Way Oxford OX2 0FB
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Details of the Trustees, Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director, registered office address, and particulars of the charity's professional advisers are given on the previous two pages.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Trustees have ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the work of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, its academic, financial, investment policy and strategic direction. They have delegated the day-to-day management of the Centre to its Director, who operates through his departmental heads. The co-ordination of the work of the Centre is the responsibility of the Director.

The Trustees maintain contact with the Charity through the Director and the system of committees detailed in the Annual Report.

The Centre's relationship with its subsidiaries is also detailed in the Annual Report.

Key Management Personnel

The Charity's Trustees and the senior management team comprises the key management personnel of the Charity in charge of directing, controlling and running of the charity on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustees received remuneration for their role in the year. The pay of the senior staff made up of the Director, Centre Coordinator, Home Bursar, and Deputy Coordinator is reviewed annually and increased in accordance with the cost-of-living increment agreed more widely in Oxford.

Governing Document

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is governed in accordance with the Royal Charter granted on 20 April 2012 and the Statutes made under the Charter. It is registered as a charity (number 293072), and is considered to have no liability to taxation on its income.

Trustees Induction and Training

Trustees are appointed by election in accordance with the Royal Charter and Statutes, serve for a term of five years and are eligible for re-election at the end of that period. The University of Oxford may nominate for election two of the Trustees (out of the maximum total of fourteen) and Trustees thus appointed also serve for a five-year term.

The election of Trustees is preceded by consultation to ensure they are aware of the aims and objectives of the charity and their responsibilities.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed and continue to reassess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to the major risks. Professional advice has been taken on all aspects of security, fire, and health and safety at the Centre's building. The Security, Fire, Health and Safety Policies are documented and reviewed annually. Training is provided as required. The Lodge is permanently manned. Staff are aware of safety procedures and a serious incident reporting procedure and register is in place. The Centre's IT system is managed securely and with necessary infrastructure safeguards in place. Insurances and preventative maintenance contracts are appropriate and fully up to date.

Related Parties

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies owns four subsidiary companies, namely OXCIS Limited, Oxford Endeavours Limited, Oxford Real Estate Limited and Oxford Islamic Finance Limited.

Consolidated accounts

For the financial period under review, consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the wholly owned subsidiary companies of the Charity.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY

The sole purpose of the Charity is to promote an understanding of Islam and the Islamic World in accordance with the Royal Charter. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is an academic institution which, by means of the pursuit of excellence in its teaching, research and publication, aims to promote a more informed understanding of the Islamic World. During the year under review, the Centre maintained its teaching, research, publishing and outreach activities. The Charity will continue to invest in assets that maximise capital growth and yield satisfactory income to fund development of the Centre. A more in-depth review of the above is covered in the main Annual Report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is set out on pages 11 to 30 and the Trustees consider that satisfactory progress is being made towards the attainment of the Charity's objectives. The performance of the investments portfolio and the results of the subsidiary companies are regarded as satisfactory.

Fundraising standards information

During the year under review the charity did not raise any funds directly from the public nor did it use professional fundraisers or involve commercial participants for the purposes of fund raising.

Investment powers and policy

The investment objective, as agreed by the Trustees, is to achieve sufficient capital and income growth, which over the long term will maintain the real value of the assets. The Trustees continue to review their Investment Policy which holds separate portfolios for the Investment and Reserves Funds. There are no specific restrictions on investments other than that they should be suitable for the Charity.

The Trustees appoint professional managers to manage investments on behalf of the charity. The activities of the investment managers are appraised periodically in terms of performance and compliance with their respective mandates which include social, environmental and ethical considerations. A list of investment managers in place are included on the information page.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees is to use income funds to support the objects of the charity and also to accumulate the operating surpluses and necessary fixed assets, to build up a financial reserve of a sum equivalent to not more than nine months of general fund operating costs. The level of all reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees at least once a year.

Total consolidated funds held at the year end were £219,633,234 (2025: £215,606,870). This included endowed funds of £112,058,587, and restricted funds of £104,240,240. After deducting these from the total, unrestricted funds held were thus in surplus at the year-end by £3,334,407. Of this £1,813,736 was held as fixed assets, and £232,212 designated for specific future use as detailed in note 13, leaving c£1.3m as free reserves in the general fund at the year end date. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves of not more than nine months expenditure – c£4.5m. The trustees remain mindful that further funds will therefore need to be raised in the future to attain sufficient free reserves and operating surplus position in the general fund.

FUTURE PLANS

The immediate goal of the Charity is to mobilise benefactions in order to endow its operational costs and expand its academic activities in support of its overall objectives.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors

A resolution will be proposed to re-appoint the auditors at the forthcoming Annual Trustees meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on: 10 September 2026

Trustee **Trustee**

Independent Auditors' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2026

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Charity (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2026, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2026, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information

and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 6-7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wenn Townsend, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
30 St Giles
Oxford

10 September 2026

Wenn Townsend is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	General and designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income From:						
Donations and gifts		1,562,476	569,150	5,424,156	7,555,782	5,431,101
Charitable Activities	**5**	497,541	-	16,945	514,486	430,931
Investment income	**6**	7,017	-	2,685,930	2,692,947	2,380,231
Total income		2,067,034	569,150	8,127,031	10,763,215	8,242,263
Expenditure as:						
Cost of raising funds						
Costs of raising voluntary income		1,608	-	-	1,608	1,668
Investment/property management fees		-	-	440,616	440,616	190,771
Development		79,385	-	-	79,385	91,550
Trust administration		55,544	-	-	55,544	49,335
		136,537	-	440,616	577,153	333,324
Charitable Activities						
Centre		4,831,414	2,067,145	-	6,898,559	5,658,315
Fellowships & Scholarships		1,612,055	597,136	-	2,209,191	1,919,255
Publications		96,963	-	-	96,963	121,436
Conferences & Events		40,457	-	-	40,457	84,681
		6,580,889	2,664,281	-	9,245,170	7,783,687
Total expenditure	**7**	6,717,426	2,664,281	440,616	9,822,323	8,117,011
Net income / (expenses) for the year before transfers		(4,650,392)	(2,095,131)	7,686,415	940,892	125,252
Transfer between funds	**13**	4,105,922	-	(4,105,922)	-	-
(Losses)/Gains on investment assets:	**9**	-	-	3,085,472	3,085,472	(2,062,618)
Net movement in funds in year		(544,470)	(2,095,131)	6,665,965	4,026,364	(1,937,366)
Total funds brought forward		3,878,877	106,335,371	105,392,622	215,606,870	217,544,236
Total funds carried forward	**13**	3,334,407	104,240,240	112,058,587	219,633,234	215,606,870

Detailed comparative information is shown in Note 18.

None of the trust's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial year.

There are no other recognised gains or losses in the above financial year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet
at 31 March 2026

	Note	General and designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	**8**	1,813,736	101,768,226	2,209,314	105,791,276	111,346,274
Investments	**9**	-	2,472,014	103,270,879	105,742,893	102,748,134
		1,813,736	104,240,240	105,480,193	211,534,169	214,094,408
Current assets						
Debtors	**10**	379,609	-	112,540	492,149	633,422
Cash at bank		804,765	-	1,346,178	2,150,943	1,783,391
Investments – Treasury Deposits		1,000,000	-	5,400,000	6,400,000	-
		2,184,374	-	6,858,718	9,043,092	2,416,813
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(663,703)	-	(280,324)	(944,027)	(904,351)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		1,520,671	-	6,578,394	8,099,065	1,512,462
Provision for liabilities & charges						
Net assets		3,334,407	104,240,240	112,058,587	219,633,234	215,606,870
Funds	**13**	3,334,407	104,240,240	112,058,587	219,633,234	215,606,870

Approved by the Board of Trustees on : 10 September 2026

Signed on its behalf by:

Trustee **Trustee**

Charity Balance Sheet
at 31 March 2026

	Note	General and designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	**8**	1,814,936	102,276,817	2,209,314	106,301,067	111,855,384
Investments	**9**	-	2,572,014	96,300,887	98,872,901	95,527,299
		1,814,936	104,848,831	98,510,201	205,173,968	207,382,683
Current assets						
Debtors	10	202,417	-	3,698,599	3,901,016	3,911,978
Cash at bank		794,180	-	-	794,180	288,974
Investments – Treasury Deposits		1,000,000	-	5,400,000	6,400,000	-
		1,996,597	-	9,098,599	11,095,196	4,200,952
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(659,052)	-	-	(659,052)	(609,344)
Net current assets		1,337,545	-	9,098,599	10,436,144	3,591,608
Net assets		3,152,481	104,848,831	107,608,800	215,610,112	210,974,291
Funds		3,152,481	104,848,831	107,608,800	215,610,112	210,974,291

Approved by the Board of Trustees on : 10 September 2026

Signed on its behalf by:

Trustee **Trustee**

OXFORD CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

Consolidated Cashflow statement for the year ended 31 March 2026

		2026		2025
	£	£	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities		683,315		308,482
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		2,692,947		2,380,231
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Payments to acquire investments	(1,050,208)		(5,345,640)	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(108,502)		(1,946,112)	
Receipts from sale of investments	4,550,000		5,050,000	
Net movement in cashflows attributable to endowment fund investments	440,616		190,771	
		3,831,906		(2,050,981)
Net cash flow before financing		7,208,168		637,732
Financing				
Net movement in cashflows attributable to to endowment fund assets	(440,616)		(190,771)	
		(440,616)		(190,771)
Increase in cash in the year		6,767,552		446,961

Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cashflow from operating activities

	2026	2025
Net Incoming resources	940,892	125,252
Decrease in debtors	141,273	337,317
Increase in creditors	39,676	45,588
Depreciation	2,254,421	2,180,556
Investment income	(2,692,947)	(2,380,231)
Net cash flow from operating activities	683,315	308,482

Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	At 1 April 2025	Cashflow	At 31 March 2026
Cash at bank and net cash resources (including term deposits)	£1,783,391	6,767,552	£8,550,943

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

The Centre is a Charitable Trust registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

b) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Accounting policies (continued)

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

c) Donations

Benefactions for endowment, research grants and donations for earmarked purposes are allocated to appropriate funds and similarly related expenditure is charged directly to these funds. Donated goods and services are included at cost or fair value at the time of donation. All donations are taken into account when receivable.

d) Depreciation

Depreciation of buildings and fixed assets is calculated using rates and bases which are appropriate to the useful lives of the assets and their residual values and were as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	Nil
Centre building	2% Straight line
Furniture and equipment	15% Reducing balance
Computers	33.33% Straight line

Freehold property is shown at cost less depreciation. The Trustees carry out an annual assessment of the properties to consider any indication of impairment. The leasehold property used in the charity's operations is depreciated evenly over the remaining life of the lease. Leasehold property held for investment is not depreciated, but included at market value.

e) Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity is exempt within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets costing over £500 are capitalised. Leasing rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Accounting policies (continued)

g) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

On the sale of investments, realised gains and losses are accounted for in the appropriate funds. At the year end all investments held are valued at fair value and unrealised gains and losses on revaluation are recognised in the appropriate funds.

h) Foreign currencies

Assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange gains and losses are written off to revenue in the year and arise purely from normal currency conversion transactions.

i) Investments

Quoted investments are valued at their fair value. Investment properties are valued at fair value. Any aggregate surplus is recognised in the appropriate Funds. No depreciation is provided in respect of the freehold investment property; the trustees consider the accounting policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view.

j) Investment income

Dividend income is accounted for on the basis of the dividends received.

k) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred at the transaction price. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The Trustees consider that all the expenditure is charitable expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity as laid down within the Trust Deed. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities.

l) Grants payable or receivable

Grants payable or receivable are recognised in the accounts as and when they become due for payment or receipt. Income is deferred when sums are received in advance for the accounting period to which they relate. Where they are recognised in the financial statements, gifts in kind or donated services are included at fair value on the date of receipt.

m) Group Financial Statements

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its subsidiary undertakings on a line by line basis. A separate statement of financial activities for the charity is not presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the provisions of paragraph 397 of the SORP. The charity balance sheet is presented as part of the financial statements.

Accounting policies (continued)

n) Pension costs

The Centre participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme ("the USS") and the University of Oxford Staff Pension Scheme ("the OSPS") on behalf of its staff. The former is a hybrid pension scheme, providing both defined benefits and benefits based on defined contributions whereas the latter is a defined contribution scheme with a legacy (pre 2017) defined benefit scheme. The assets of each scheme are held in separate trustee-administered funds.

Due to the mutual nature of the schemes, the assets are not attributed to individual employers, and scheme-wide contribution rates are set. As a result, the Centre is exposed to actuarial risks arising from employees of other employers and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the schemes on a consistent and reasonable basis. In accordance with Section 28 of FRS 102 'Employee Benefits', the Centre therefore accounts for the schemes as if they were wholly defined contribution schemes. Consequently, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to each scheme.

Where a scheme valuation determines that the scheme is in deficit on a 'technical provisions' basis (as was the case following the 2020 USS valuation), the scheme's Trustee must agree a Recovery Plan that sets out how each participating employer will fund an overall deficit. The Centre recognises a liability for the contributions payable under such an agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit) with related expenses being recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

o) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the benefactor.

Endowment funds represent capital donations held by the charity. Income derived from these funds is credited to the general and designated funds.

p) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Centre to be able to continue as a going concern.

Accounting policies (continued)

q) Critical accounting judgements

FRS 102 makes the distinction between a group plan and a multi-employer scheme. A group plan consists of a collection of entities under common control typically with a sponsoring employer. A multiemployer scheme is a scheme for entities not under common control and represents (typically) an industry - wide scheme such as that provided by USS and OSPS.

The accounting for a multi-employer scheme where the employer has entered into an agreement with the scheme that determines how the employer will fund a deficit results in the recognition of a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit) and the resulting expense is recognised in income or expenditure.

The Trustees are satisfied that the schemes provided by USS and OSPS meet the definition of a multi-employer scheme and has therefore recognised the discounted fair value of the contractual contributions under the funding plan in existence at the date of approving the financial statements, albeit this liability figure is deemed nil at the 2026 year end. Full details are provided in note 14 to the accounts.

r) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

i) property valuations - with professional valuations obtained periodically, in the interim periods management and trustees review and consider whether any impairment is required to functional property, or revaluation to investment property. Total property assets at the year end were c£133m (2025: £136m)..

s) Maintenance of premises

The cost of routine corrective maintenance is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period it is incurred.

t) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Centre has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

u) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Accounting policies (continued)

v) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

w) Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Staff costs comprise

	2026	**2025**
	£	**£**
Wages and salaries	2,116,422	2,082,191
Social security costs	302,917	208,860
Pension costs	287,183	224,927
Consultancy, Recruitment and agency costs etc.	198,435	181,982
	2,904,957	2,697,960

There were no outstanding or prepaid pension contributions at 31 March 2026 (2025: Nil).

The trustees received no remuneration during the year. A professional indemnity insurance of £7,843(2025: £7,130) was paid in respect of the Trustees.

During the year no trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2025: none).

Under the University scale A20 two employees are paid the professorial rate of £82,084 (2025: two at £79,245).

Another employee was paid at this rate from April-June 2024 inclusive during the prior financial year.

In addition one employee also receives a distinction award £95,277 (2025: £93,962), Schedule I allowance £27,104 (2025: £26,730) and contributions to the pension fund of £29,647 (2025: £29,084).

The total remuneration paid to the key management personnel in the year was £492,339 (2025: £547,468).

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3 Average number of employees

The average number of employees of the Centre excluding Trustees was as follows.

	2026	2025
Centre	39	35
Teaching and research	11	10
Projects	3	2
Publications	1	2
Development	1	2
	55	51

4 Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2026	2025
Auditors remuneration (excluding VAT):	£	£
Audit services	38,500	35,500
Other services	58,452	54,122
Depreciation	2,254,421	2,180,556

5 Charitable Activities

	2026	2025
Centre	£	£
Rental income	319,397	237,963
Other	195,089	192,968
	514,486	430,931

6 Investment income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Listed securities	1,819,258	1,240,220
Bank deposits	22,850	26,665
Rental Income	850,839	1,113,346
	2,692,947	2,380,231

7 Total expenditure

	General and designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2026 £	2025 £
Centre:					
Staff costs	1,670,189	-	-	1,670,189	1,534,413
Travel and communications	26,185	-	-	26,185	27,192
Properties & equipment running costs	1,487,282	-	-	1,487,282	1,459,952
Depreciation and amortisation	187,276	2,067,145	-	2,254,421	2,180,556
Legal Fees and charges	372,061	-	-	372,061	315,246
Guest expenses and common table	220,347	-	-	220,347	107,779
Administrative costs	38,797	-	-	38,797	33,177
Anniversary costs	829,277	-	-	829,277	-
	4,831,414	2,067,145	-	6,898,559	5,658,315
Investment portfolio management fees	-	-	249,731	249,731	190,771
Bad debt provisions in period	-	-	190,885	190,885	-
	-	-	440,616	440,616	190,771
Fellowships, scholarships and teaching:					
Fellowships and Scholarships	1,443,284	597,136	-	2,040,420	1,780,212
Library costs	164,857	-	-	164,857	136,046
Seminars expenses	3,914	-	-	3,914	2,997
	1,612,055	597,136	-	2,209,191	1,919,255
Publication:					
Staff costs	63,240	-	-	63,240	110,830
Other costs	33,723	-	-	33,723	10,606
	96,963	-	-	96,963	121,436
Cost of generating voluntary income					
Video, newsletters and brochures	1,608	-	-	1,608	1,668
Conferences and special events:					
Venues, travel and other costs	40,457	-	-	40,457	84,681
	40,457	-	-	40,457	84,681
Development:					
Staff costs	55,117	-	-	55,117	63,522
Travel	16,587	-	-	16,587	19,257
Administrative costs	3,618	-	-	3,618	2,219
Calendar	4,063	-	-	4,063	6,552
	79,385	-	-	79,385	91,550
Trust administration:					
Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative costs	55,544	-	-	55,544	49,335
	55,544	-	-	55,544	49,335
Total	6,717,426	2,664,281	440,616	9,822,323	8,117,011

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Total expenditure (continued)

Expenditure analysis	Staff Costs	Travel & communications	Properties & Equipment running costs	Depreciation	Professional fees and charges	Fellowships and Scholarsips	Other costs	Total £
Cost of raising funds								
Cost of raising voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,608	**1,668**
Investment portfolio management fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	440,616	**440,616**
Development	79,385	-	-	-	-	-	-	**79,385**
	79,385	-	-	-	-	-	442,224	**521,609**
Charitable activities								
Centre	1,670,189	26,185	1,487,282	2,254,421	372,061	-	259,144	**6,069,282**
Fellowships and Scholarships (to individuals)	-	-	-	-	-	2,209,191	-	**2,209,191**
Anniversary costs	-	-	829,277	-	-	-	-	**829,277**
Publications	63,240	-	-	-	-	-	33,723	**96,963**
Conferences	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,457	**40,457**
	1,733,429	26,185	2,316,559	2,254,421	372,061	2,209,191	333,324	**9,245,170**
Governance costs								
Trust administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,544	**55,544**
	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,544	**55,544**
Total expenditure year ended 31 March 2026	1,812,814	26,185	2,316,559	2,254,421	372,061	2,209,191	831,092	**9,822,323**
Total expenditure year ended 31 March 2025	1,736,793	27,192	1,459,952	2,180,556	315,246	1,919,255	478,017	**8,117,011**

8 Fixed assets

Group cost:	**Freehold Land and Buildings**	**Assets Under Construction**	**Residential Properties**	**Furniture and Equipment**	**Total £**
At 1 April 2025	112,746,058	-	2,207,977	4,561,609	119,515,644
Additions	-	-	-	108,502	108,502
Transfers to investment property	(3,409,079)	-	-	-	(3,409,079)
At 31 March 2026	109,336,979	-	2,207,977	4,670,111	116,215,067
Depreciation & Amortisation:					
At 1 April 2025	(4,134,290)	-	-	(4,035,080)	(8,169,370)
Charge for year	(2,067,145)	-	-	(187,276)	(2,254,421)
At 31 March 2026	(6,201,435)	-	-	(4,222,356)	(10,423,791)
Net book value					
At 31 March 2026	103,135,544	-	2,207,977	447,755	105,791,276
At 31 March 2025	108,611,768	-	2,207,977	526,529	111,346,274

Charity cost:	**Freehold Land and Buildings**	**Assets Under Construction**	**Residential Properties**	**Furniture and Equipment**	**Total £**
At 1 April 2025	113,273,066	-	2,209,314	4,548,363	120,030,743
Additions	681	-	-	108,502	109,183
Transfers to investment property	(3,409,079)	-	-	-	(3,409,079)
At 31 March 2026	109,864,668	-	2,209,314	4,656,865	116,730,847
Depreciation & Amortisation:					
At 1 April 2025	(4,134,290)	-	-	(4,041,069)	(8,175,359)
Charge for year	(2,067,145)	-	-	(187,276)	(2,254,421)
At 31 March 2026	(6,201,435)	-	-	(4,228,345)	(10,429,780)
Net book value					
At 31 March 2026	103,663,233	-	2,209,314	428,520	106,301,067
At 31 March 2025	109,138,776	-	2,209,314	507,294	111,855,384

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9 Investments

Group	Investment Portfolio				
	Investment Cash reserves	Quoted Investments	Total £	Investment Properties	Total £
Market value					
As at 1 April 2025	1,798,425	76,061,936	77,860,361	24,887,773	102,748,134
Additions and transfers in	362,353	553,575	915,928	3,543,359	4,459,287
Disposals	-	(4,550,000)	(4,550,000)	-	(4,550,000)
Increase in market value	-	3,584,931	3,584,931	(499,459)	3,085,472
As at 31 March 2026	2,160,778	75,650,442	77,811,220	27,931,673	105,742,893

Market value of :

UK quoted investments as at 31 March 2026	32,288,408
Overseas quoted investments as at 31 March 2026	43,362,034

Investment properties were valued at 31 March, 2026 on the basis of a professional valuation undertaken to determine fair market value. The valuation was undertaken in May 2026 by Andrew Lockhart FRICS MCIArb, of CBRE Limited.
The cost of the Investment properties was £25,011,457.

Charity	Investment Portfolio					
	Investment Cash reserves	Quoted Investments	Unquoted Investments (Subsidiary Companies)	Total £	Investment Properties	Total £
Market value						
As at 1 April 2025	1,798,426	76,061,936	1,726,434	79,586,796	15,940,503	95,527,299
Additions and transfers in	362,353	553,575	-	915,928	3,543,359	4,459,287
Disposals	-	(4,550,000)	-	(4,550,000)	-	(4,550,000)
Increase in market value	-	3,584,931	-	3,584,931	(148,617)	3,436,314
As at 31 March 2026	2,160,779	75,650,442	1,726,434	79,537,655	19,335,245	98,872,901

For details concerning the subsidiary companies see note 16.

Market value of :

UK quoted investments as at 31 March 2026	32,288,408
Overseas quoted investments as at 31 March 2026	43,362,034

Investment properties were valued at 31 March, 2026 on the basis of a professional valuation undertaken to determine fair market value. The valuation was undertaken in May 2026 by Andrew Lockhart FRICS MCIArb, of CBRE Limited.
The cost of the Investment properties was £16,418,697.

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10 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2026	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Accounts receivable	145,842	402,239	29,155	149,440
Prepayments and accrued income	346,307	213,460	231,054	213,460
Other taxes and social security	-	17,723	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	-	-	3,640,807	3,549,078
	492,149	633,422	3,901,016	3,911,978

11 Liabilities

Amounts falling due within one year	**2026**	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Accounts payable	415,288	356,866	332,050	308,944
Accruals and deferred income	394,700	371,912	238,273	198,071
Other taxes and social security	134,039	175,573	88,729	102,329
	944,027	904,351	659,052	609,344

12 Deferred income

	2026	**2025**
	£	**£**
Balance as at 1 April 2025	167,541	179,729
Amount realised to incoming resources	(167,541)	(179,729)
Amount deferred in year	145,275	167,541
Balance as at 31 March 2026	145,275	167,541

Deferred income relates to property rental income received in advance at the year end date.

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13 Movements in Trust Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Gains & Losses	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Endowment funds						
Fellowship, Scholarship & general funds	105,392,622	8,127,031	(440,616)	3,085,472	(4,105,922)	112,058,587
	105,392,622	8,127,031	(440,616)	3,085,472	(4,105,922)	112,058,587
General and designated funds						
General funds	710,679	1,967,034	(6,433,950)	-	5,044,696	1,288,459
Designated Fixed asset fund	2,068,166	-	-	-	(254,430)	1,813,736
Designated Marston Road Development fund	1,100,032	100,000	(283,476)	-	(684,344)	232,212
	3,878,877	2,067,034	(6,717,426)	-	4,105,922	3,334,407
Restricted funds						
New Building fund	103,835,371	-	(2,067,145)	-	-	101,768,226
Other restricted funds - scholarships	2,500,000	569,150	(597,136)	-	-	2,472,014
	106,335,371	569,150	(2,664,281)	-	-	104,240,240
Total funds	215,606,870	10,763,215	(9,822,323)	3,085,472	-	219,633,234

Total funds of the charity at the balance sheet date are £215,610,112 (2025: £210,974,291). The difference in the consolidated funds is due to the effect of the subsidiary undertakings results and is reflected in the General Funds.

The general funds were in surplus at the year-end by £3,152,481.

Transfers

The significant transfer from the Endowed to General Funds above represents the drawdowns from investment funds in the period. This includes investment income generated on the investments made, as well as capital transfers from expendable or general endowment funds.

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13 Movements in Trust Funds (continued)

Comparative Movement in Trust funds for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Gains & Losses	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Endowment funds						
Fellowship & Scholarship funds	105,370,711	4,643,664	(190,771)	(2,062,618)	(2,368,364)	105,392,622
	105,370,711	4,643,664	(190,771)	(2,062,618)	(2,368,364)	105,392,622
General and designated funds						
General funds	483,797	1,097,685	(5,859,095)	-	4,988,292	710,679
Designated Fixed asset fund	2,608,154	(539,988)	2,068,166			
Designated Building maintenance fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Marston Road development fund	3,179,972	-	-	-	(2,079,940)	1,100,032
	6,271,923	1,097,685	(5,859,095)	-	2,368,364	3,878,877
Restricted funds						
Building fund	105,901,602	914	(2,067,145)	-	-	103,835,371
Other restricted funds	-	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
	105,901,602	2,500,914	(2,067,145)	-	-	106,335,371
Total funds	217,544,236	8,242,263	(8,117,011)	(2,062,618)	-	215,606,870

14 Pension commitments

Universities Superannuation Scheme ("USS")

The pension charge for the year includes a charge of £107,631 (2025: £104,162) in relation to the USS. This represents contributions of £107,631 payable to the USS, with no change in the deficit funding liability between the opening and closing balance sheet dates in the current year (2025: £nil).

The 2023 actuarial valuation was finalised in December 2023, reporting assets of £73.1bn and liabilities of £65.7bn leaving a technical surplus of £7.4bn. As of 1 January 2024 therefore, reduced contribution rates were agreed and announced for the scheme. As a result, from this date contribution rates were reduced from 9.8% to 6.1% for employees, and from 21.1% to 14.5% for employers – which also included a substantial reduction in the level of deficit funding contributions required. This remains the most recent published full actuarial valuation.

In line with FRS 102 paragraph 28.11A, the Centre no longer requires a provision at the March 2026 balance sheet date (2025: £nil) for the present value of the estimated future deficit funding element of the contributions payable under the agreement in place at year end. In determining the level of this provision it has been assumed that the Charity will continue to have a constant level of employee participation in this scheme and that the relevant earnings of these employees will increase in line with the actuary's projected long-term salary rate increases.

A copy of the full actuarial valuation report and other further details on the scheme are available on the USS website www.uss.co.uk

Oxford Staff Pension Scheme ("OSPS")

The pension charge for the year includes a charge of £136,709 (2025: 114,543) in relation to the OSPS. This represents contributions of £136,709 payable to the OSPS with no change in the deficit funding liability between the opening and closing balance sheet dates in the current year (2025: £nil).

The 2025 actuarial valuation of the scheme was finalised in April 2026, and reported that the total assets of the scheme were £827mn, with total liabilities of £786mn – meaning a funding surplus of £41mn and a funding level of 105%. As a result of this, the level of deficit funding contributions has been substantially reduced to take effect in October 2026. The next triennial valuation is due with an effective date of 31 March 2028.

In line with FRS 102 paragraph 28.11A, the Centre no longer requires a provision at the March 2026 balance sheet date for the present value of the estimated future deficit funding element of the contributions payable under this agreement. In determining the level of this provision it has been assumed that the Centre will continue to have a constant level of employee participation in this scheme and that the relevant earnings of these employees will increase in line with the actuary's projected long-term salary rate increases.

A copy of the full actuarial valuation report and other further details on the scheme are available on the University of Oxford website.

15 Financial commitments

At 31 March 2026, the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as detailed below:

	Land and buildings	
	2026	**2025**
Not later than one year	35,212	35,212
Later than one but not later than five years	128,552	132,264
Over five years	283,500	315,000
Total	447,264	482,476
Capital Commitments at 31 March 2026 were:		
Approved and Contracted	-	-

16 Subsidiary undertakings

The unlisted investments are two wholly owned subsidiaries, OXCIS Limited and Oxford Endeavours Limited. Oxford Endeavours Limited wholly owns two subsidiaries: Oxford Real Estate Limited and Oxford Islamic Finance Limited. All of these companies are registered in England.

At the start of the year a loan of £3.54m was outstanding from Oxford Real Estate Limited, and a Gift Aid donation of distributable profits is to be made to the Trust post year end. The outstanding loan at 31 March 2026 was £3,698,599. This amount is unsecured, repayable on demand and carries interest at 2%.

The results, net assets and principal activity of the companies are as follows:

Company and principal activities	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Profit / (Loss) for the year**	**Assets**	**Liabilities**	**Funds**
OXCIS Limited Design & build services	23,768	(70,081)	(46,313)	126,677	(4,651)	122,026
Oxford Endeavours Limited Holding company	2,138	(4,841)	(2,703)	1,407,479	(3,782)	1,403,697
Oxford Real Estate Limited Property investment & management	785,165	(599,634)	185,531	10,371,064	(3,975,563)	6,395,501
Oxford Islamic Finance Ltd						

The company had no financial activity during the year and was dormant.

17 The Charity's own financial information

	2026	**2025**
	£	**£**
Gross Income	10,793,747	7,443,803
Net incoming resources	1,199,507	(577,796)
Gains / (Losses) on investments	3,436,314	(2,062,618)

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18 Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	General and designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income From:					
Donations and gifts		655,801	2,500,000	2,275,300	5,431,101
Charitable Activities	5	430,931	-	-	430,931
Investment income	6	10,953	914	2,368,364	2,380,231
Total income		1,097,685	2,500,914	4,643,664	8,242,263
Expenditure as:					
Cost of raising funds					
Costs of raising voluntary income		1,668	-	-	1,668
Investment management fees		-	-	190,771	190,771
Development		91,550	-	-	91,550
Trust administration		49,335	-	-	49,335
		142,553	-	190,771	333,324
Charitable Activities					
Centre		3,591,170	2,067,145	-	5,658,315
Fellowships and Scholarships		1,919,255	-	-	1,919,255
Publications		121,436	-	-	121,436
Conferences & Events		84,681	-	-	84,681
		5,716,542	2,067,145	-	7,783,687
Total expenditure	7	5,859,095	2,067,145	190,771	8,117,011
Net income / (expenses) for the year before transfers		(4,761,410)	433,769	4,452,893	125,252
Transfer between funds		2,368,364	-	(2,368,364)	-
Gains / (Losses) on investment assets:		-	-	(2,062,618)	(2,062,618)
Net movement in funds in year		(2,393,046)	433,769	21,911	(1,937,366)
Total funds brought forward		6,271,923	105,901,602	105,370,711	217,544,236
Total funds carried forward		3,878,877	106,335,371	105,392,622	215,606,870

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19 Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	General and designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**8**	2,068,166	103,659,715	5,618,393	111,346,274
Investments	**9**	1,438,793	2,500,000	98,809,341	102,748,134
		3,506,959	106,159,715	104,427,734	214,094,408
Current assets					
Debtors	**10**	365,093	17,723	250,606	633,422
Cash at bank		616,169	202,647	964,575	1,783,391
		981,262	220,370	1,215,181	2,416,813
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(609,344)	(44,714)	(250,293)	(904,351)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		371,918	175,656	964,888	1,512,462
Net assets		3,878,877	106,335,371	105,392,622	215,606,870
Funds		3,878,877	106,335,371	105,392,622	215,606,870

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions except those with Charity's subsidiaries which are covered in note 16.

21 Approval of accounts

These accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 10 September 2026.

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INTRODUCTION

The year under review marked the fortieth anniversary of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. It provided an opportunity both to reflect upon the Centre's development since its establishment in 1985 and to renew its commitment to the purposes for which it was founded: to promote the multidisciplinary study of Islam and Muslim societies, to encourage cooperation in the world of learning, and to serve as a meeting point between different scholarly and cultural traditions.

The Centre's fortieth anniversary celebrations began with the visit of His Majesty King Charles III. The celebrations brought together Trustees, senior representatives of the University, local dignitaries, members of the diplomatic and interfaith communities, academics, students and alumni. The occasion was a particularly valued affirmation of the long-standing royal patronage that the Centre has enjoyed. It provided a welcome opportunity to launch the King Charles III Programme for Intercivilizational Understanding and inaugurate the wing in which it is housed. The Programme will provide a coherent framework through which an important contribution can be made to mutual understanding, informed dialogue and international academic cooperation.

To mark the fortieth anniversary, a new category of Anniversary Fellowships was established. Professor Robert Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh), a distinguished scholar of Islamic art and architecture, and Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Oxford, were elected as the first Anniversary Fellows. Their appointments highlighted the academic range of the Centre's work and its commitment to the study of both the past and present of the Muslim world. Other appointments enhanced the Centre's research capacity. Dr Fouzia Farooq Ahmed joined the Atlas research team, contributing to the project on the social and intellectual history of Muslims in South Asia. Dr Mohammed Ali Allehbi joined as a Research Fellow in early legal history. Dr Abdulkader Thomas was appointed as the Sultan Nazrin Shah Fellow in Islamic Capital Markets, and Dr Veronika Poier as the Fellow in the History of Islamic Art and Material Culture. Dr Maria Shmygol was appointed as the Publications and Special Projects Manager. These appointments add valuable expertise to the Centre's research and publication capabilities.

The Visiting Fellowship Programme brought scholars from different countries and academic traditions to Oxford. Their scholarly interests included history, law, education, economic development, finance, science and society. The number of OCIS–Chevening Fellowships has increased from four to six annually. A new agreement with The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) and the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) will further expand this Programme and open up new opportunities for academic exchange within Oxford's wider research environment.

Twenty-two students are reading for Oxford graduate and undergraduate degrees on Centre

Scholarships. A further sixteen students were elected as Centre Exhibitioners. Their subjects extended from Islamic studies, history, theology and religion to public policy, law, economics, international relations, medicine, engineering, geography, politics and the sciences. Scholars and Exhibitioners participated in the Graduate Colloquia at the Centre, which provide opportunities for students to present their work.

Centre Fellows contributed to teaching and supervision in the Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions of the University, including the faculties of religion and theology, history, and development economics. An optional MPhil course on 'Themes in Contemporary Muslim Societies', taught by Centre Fellows, was introduced at the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies. Public courses offered by the Centre included Qur'anic recitation; Essentials of Islamic Worship; History of Early Islamic Public Law; Modern Standard Arabic; Oil, Politics, and Prosperity in the Middle East; and Islamic Finance: Markets and Development.

The Centre's publications made steady progress. The *Journal of Islamic Studies* maintained its international standing and published articles on the intellectual, religious, historical, cultural and social dimensions of Islam and Muslim societies. The *Makers of Islamic Civilization* series brought out Dr Moin Nizami's biographical study of Haji Imdadullah. Centre Fellows published on Islamic criminal justice, political economy, Islamic finance, public health and pandemic preparedness.

A wide range of historical and contemporary subjects were addressed at Centre seminars and lectures. Themes covered included Islamic intellectual history, religious practice, manuscript cultures, Mughal archives, public diplomacy, political economy, climate and faith, Islamic capital markets, public health and water justice. The public lecture programme brought distinguished scholars and public figures to Oxford to speak on global order, multilateralism, the Muslim world today, artificial intelligence, freedom of expression and moral responsibility. Collaboration with the Securities Commission of Malaysia continued through the sixteenth SC–OCIS Roundtable, held in Kuala Lumpur on 'Guardians of the Earth: Climate Action through the Lens of Maqasid al-Shariah'. This long-standing partnership makes an important contribution to the Centre's research in Islamic finance and economic development.

The project on science, technology and the environment in Muslim societies organised research meetings and collaborations. A conference on 'Climate, Health and Faith: Understanding Science, Building Trust' was organised with the support of the British Academy. Scientists, policymakers, sociologists and religious scholars considered how scientific evidence and ethical traditions might inform responses to climate and health challenges. A workshop on 'Water Justice in Muslim Societies', organised with Oxford and international partners, developed a comparative research agenda on water governance across the Nile, Euphrates–Tigris and Indus river basins.

The exhibition on *Lines of Faith: Astronomy and the Art of the Astrolabe in the Islamic World*, organised in partnership with the Oxford History of Science Museum, contributed to the Centre's fortieth anniversary celebrations. It was enriched by rare scientific manuscripts loaned by Qatar National Library. A second exhibition, *The Ultimate Journey*, organised with Dar Layan Culture, Saudi Arabia, showcased contemporary art depicting the Grand Mosque in Makkah, the Prophet's

Mosque in Madinah and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. The works were displayed in the United Kingdom for the first time and provided a valuable setting for school visits and wider public engagement.

The anniversary year provided an opportunity to further expand international academic cooperation. Events in Malaysia, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia renewed long-standing partnerships and presented the Centre's current work in teaching, research, library collections, cultural heritage and public engagement. An agreement was signed with the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences to support the digital transformation of the National Library of Kuwait. The launch of the Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi Programme opened up opportunities for the study of North Africa. The Islamic Civilization Center in Uzbekistan has decided to dedicate a room for use by Centre scholars. This provides a valuable resource for practical cooperation in the study of Central Asia.

The Centre's academic, civic and cultural work attracted the participation of senior public figures. The Rt Hon Lord Hague of Richmond, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, delivered an Anniversary Lecture on the future of multilateralism, while HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal delivered an Anniversary Lecture on the global order from a Muslim perspective. Diplomatic representatives from countries including Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Egypt, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritania, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Türkiye and Uzbekistan, among others, visited the Centre.

The Kuwait Library continued to develop its collections, services and digital capacity. Steady progress was made with cataloguing, which brought the Library's holdings to 56,063 items. A grant from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences supported the preservation, cataloguing and digitisation of the Special Collections. The establishment of a dedicated Digitisation Room created a new facility for preserving manuscripts and enhancing access to the collection.

The Centre continued its local and national outreach through school visits, educational activities, public lectures and exhibitions. Nearly 200 school visits have been made to the Centre since the beginning of the programme. *The Ultimate Journey* gave pupils a further setting in which to discuss faith, identity and interfaith understanding. The Mosque remained a focal point for worship, learning and pastoral support, and was exceptionally well attended during Ramadan and the Eid celebrations. The Young Muslim Leadership Programme marked its twentieth year as a flagship contribution to British public life with a garden reception attended by a large number of alumni and guests.

As the Centre enters its fifth decade, the task before it is to consolidate what has been achieved while responding with intellectual seriousness and practical purpose to a rapidly changing world. This is especially important at a time when conflict, political division and mistrust continue to place considerable strain upon relations between and within societies. The demand for trustworthy scholarship, sustained dialogue and meaningful cooperation across national, religious and disciplinary boundaries is considerable. The Centre's strengthened research capacity, expanding visiting fellowship programme, support for students, public engagement, and

partnerships in Britain and overseas provide a firm basis for this next phase. Building on its heritage, the Centre will continue to prioritise quality, particularly by supporting new generations of scholars and developing partnerships that are consistent with its founding purpose and values.

Finally, I should like to express my gratitude to His Majesty King Charles III for his enduring interest and patronage; to the Trustees for their guidance and support; and to the Centre's friends and benefactors across the world. I am also deeply grateful to the Fellows, Visiting Fellows, Scholars, Exhibitioners and members of staff whose commitment has made this anniversary year both productive and memorable. Their collective efforts provide a strong foundation for the Centre's next chapter.

Farhan Nizami
Director

Chapter One

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

THE PATRON'S VISIT

The Centre's fortieth anniversary celebrations began in July 2025 with the visit of His Majesty King Charles III, Patron of the Centre. His Majesty was welcomed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, City dignitaries and the Director.

In his address, His Majesty reflected on the Centre's establishment and continuing purpose. He recalled its beginnings in a wooden hut on St Cross Road and its expansion into its current, permanent home, which he inaugurated in 2017. He spoke of his pride and admiration for the Centre's 'unfailing work to broaden understanding of the Islamic world'. His Majesty emphasised the importance of the Centre's mission and principles, generously noting that the 'spark of ambition with which the Centre was founded all those years ago remains undimmed'. The speech presented the anniversary not only as a commemoration of institutional achievement, but also as a reaffirmation of the Centre's responsibility. The Patron stated that 'the Centre's ongoing commitment to objective scholarship and international cooperation, underpinned by principles of dialogue, deep understanding and mutual respect, is more imperative than ever in today's world' and went on to say that he was 'extremely heartened that the Centre continues to play such a significant role in that globally critical endeavour'.

After the address, His Majesty was greeted by pupils from local schools who have taken part in the Centre's educational outreach through visits to the Mosque and Exhibition Gallery. At the reception in the King Charles III Garden, the Patron met the Trustees, senior members of the University, diplomatic representatives, students, alumni and friends of the Centre. The reception guests also included interfaith representatives and alumni of the Young Muslim Leadership Programme, established twenty years earlier with the support of the then Prince's Charities.

The Centre is honoured to have received His Majesty's gracious permission for the Royal Cypher to be installed at the entrances to the King Charles III Garden, alongside the previously installed cypher for the former Prince of Wales.

The Trustees, Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor planted trees in the garden to mark the occasion.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KING CHARLES III PROGRAMME

The fortieth anniversary was commemorated by the establishment of The King Charles III Programme for Intercivilizational Understanding. The Programme honours His Majesty's long-standing patronage and will continue the Distinguished Lectures series, the Young Muslim Leadership Programme, conferences and roundtables, scholarships, visiting fellowships and public outreach. During the visit, His Majesty inaugurated the King Charles III Wing, which will house the Programme. The Wing and the surrounding gardens provide a distinctive setting for a programme that strengthens the Centre's contribution to scholarship, public understanding and international academic cooperation.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN MALAYSIA

The anniversary celebrations continued overseas through events that renewed long-standing partnerships. In Malaysia, HRH Sultan Nazrin Shah, Sultan of Perak and Vice-Chair of the Centre's Board of Trustees, hosted a celebratory dinner on 29 September 2025, attended by Centre Trustees, senior public figures and other dignitaries. The event recognised a long-standing relationship that has linked the Centre with scholarship and public life in Malaysia.

The celebrations coincided with the sixteenth SC–OCIS Roundtable, held in Kuala Lumpur on the theme 'Guardians of the Earth: Climate Action through the Lens of Maqasid al-Shariah' (see Chapter Five).

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN KUWAIT

In November 2025, Trustees were received by HH the Amir, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, HH the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah and HE the Prime Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah. A celebratory dinner was hosted by HH Sheikh Mohammed Al-Sabah, attended by dignitaries and scholars. The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences hosted a special anniversary event at its headquarters. It included presentations about the Centre's teaching and research, and the resources at the Kuwait Library.

The event coincided with the signing of a new agreement between the Centre and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences to cooperate on a needs assessment for the digital transformation of the National Library of Kuwait.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA

In December 2025, HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal and HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman hosted events to celebrate the anniversary in Riyadh. The first was hosted at the King Abdulaziz Historical Center and the second at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. These occasions provided an opportunity to reflect on the Centre's history and its contribution to scholarly exchange between Oxford and the Muslim world. Tribute was paid to the late Dr Abdullah Omar Nasseef, whose guidance and leadership were important to the Centre's early development.

The cultural cooperation with institutions in the Kingdom continued with the exhibition *The Ultimate Journey*, organised with Dar Layan Culture (see Chapter Fifteen).

ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIPS

Under a new category of Anniversary Fellowships Professor Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Oxford, and Professor Robert Hillenbrand, Emeritus Professor of Islamic Art at the University of Edinburgh were appointed. These appointments enhance the Centre's engagement with contemporary questions of political economy and public responsibility, and the study of Islamic art, architecture and material culture.

During the year, Sir Paul Collier moderated a special lecture delivered by Professor Michael Sandel (Harvard University) on 'Moral Responsibilities of the Wealthy'. It examined meritocracy, wealth, civic responsibility and social solidarity.

Professor Robert Hillenbrand spoke at the launch of *The Ultimate Journey* exhibition and chaired the King Faisal Lecture on Umayyad mosaics in the Dome of the Rock, and the Library Lecture on 'Islamic Manuscripts in the Royal Library at Windsor'. He also delivered an anniversary lecture on medieval Iranian architecture, 'What Makes Qumm Special in the Architecture of 14th-Century Iran?'.

ANNIVERSARY LECTURES

The year was also marked by two distinguished Anniversary Lectures. The first was delivered by The Rt Hon Lord Hague of Richmond, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, on 'The Future of Multilateralism: Keeping International Cooperation in the New Age of Unilateralism'. The lecture considered the geopolitical disruptions that have placed pressure on international cooperation, including rapid developments in artificial intelligence and biotechnology, and argued for the renewal of multilateral institutions, shared norms and practical networks of cooperation among states.

The second Anniversary Lecture was delivered by HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal, Chair of the Centre's Board of Trustees, on 'The Global Order Today: A Muslim Perspective'. The lecture recalled the address on Islam and the West delivered by His Majesty in 1993, as the former Prince of Wales, and considered the strains facing multilateral institutions. It argued for a renewed global order that is fair, inclusive and attentive to Muslim perspectives, and concluded by affirming the need for dialogue and mutual understanding among nations and civilisations. It was chaired by Mr Robert Hannigan, Warden of Wadham College.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The fortieth anniversary was an occasion for the Centre to reflect, celebrate and renew its commitment to its founding values and principles. The anniversary highlighted the Centre's convening ability, bringing scholars, students, school pupils, interfaith representatives and public figures together in dialogue and fostering a better understanding of the Muslim world. It provided an opportunity to consolidate relationships and to look ahead to the Centre's future contribution

to Oxford and beyond. The overseas events showed the depth of relationships that have sustained the Centre over four decades and their continuing relevance to its current academic programmes. The King Charles III Programme for Intercivilizational Understanding gave an institutional form to the Centre's next phase by consolidating its academic activities and public outreach.

Chapter Two

TEACHING & FELLOWSHIPS

The Centre continues to promote the multidisciplinary study of the culture and civilisation of Islam and Muslim societies, primarily through the following Fellowships:

The King Charles III Fellowship

The Nelson Mandela Fellowship

The Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Fellowship

The King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Fellowship

The Kuwait Fellowship

The King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Fellowship

The Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Fellowship

The Albukhary Foundation Fellowship

The Sultan Qaboos bin Said Fellowship

The Globe Fellowship

The Tun Abdul Razak Fellowship

The Mohamed Noah Fellowship

The Sultan Azlan Shah Fellowship

The Sultan Nazrin Shah Fellowship

The Hamad bin Jassim Research Fellowship

The Azman Hashim Fellowship

The Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi Fellowship

The Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi Fellowship

The Salahuddin Abdul Jawad Research Fellowship

The Tun Mahathir Mohamad Research Fellowship

The Xenel (Turkey) Research Fellowship

The following held Fellowships at the Centre during the year:

- Dr Afifi Al-Akiti, Kuwait Fellow in Islamic Studies; Islamic Centre Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology and Religion; Member, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Fellow, Worcester College, Oxford
- Dr Mohammed Ali Allehbi, Mohammed Noah Research Fellow
- Dr Fouzia Farooq Ahmed, Atlas Research Fellow
- Maulana Ibrahim Amin, Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi Fellow; Imam; Muslim Chaplain, University of Oxford
- Professor Sir David Clary, King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Fellow; Honorary Fellow, Magdalen College, Oxford
- Sir Paul Collier, Anniversary Fellow; Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford
- Baroness Hale of Richmond, Sultan Azlan Shah Fellow
- Professor Robert Hillenbrand, Anniversary Fellow; Emeritus Professor of Islamic Art, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Shahid Jameel, Sultan Qaboos bin Said Fellow; Fellow, Green Templeton College, Oxford
- Professor Adeel Malik, Globe Fellow in the Economies of Muslim Societies; Associate Professor and Islamic Centre Lecturer, Department of International Development; Senior Research Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- Professor Muhammad Meki, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Fellow in Islamic Finance; Associate Professor and Islamic Centre Lecturer in Islamic Finance, Department of International Development, University of Oxford
- Dr Asma Mustafa, Salahuddin Abdul Jawad Fellow; Senior Research Fellow, Linacre College, Oxford
- Professor Adil Najam, Tun Mahathir Mohamad Fellow; President, WWF-International; Dean Emeritus and Professor of International Relations and Earth and the Environment, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
- Dr Farhan Nizami CBE, The King Charles III Fellow, Magdalen College, Oxford; Honorary Fellow, Wadham College, Oxford; Emeritus Fellow, St Cross College, Oxford
- Dr Moin Nizami, Tun Abdul Razak Fellow; Associate Member, Faculty of History, University of Oxford

- Dr Veronika Poier, Fellow in the History of Islamic Art and Material Culture

- Dr Abdulkader Thomas, Sultan Nazrin Shah Fellow in Islamic Financial Markets

TEACHING IN OXFORD UNIVERSITY FACULTIES

Fellows have been associated with the following Faculties and Departments of the University of Oxford:

Faculty of History
Faculty of Theology and Religion
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Oxford Department of International Development (QEH)
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA)

THE CENTRE AND OXFORD COLLEGES

Fellows have membership of the following Colleges:

Green Templeton	Professor Shahid Jameel
Lady Margaret Hall	Professor Adeel Malik
Linacre	Dr Asma Mustafa
Magdalen	Sir David Clary; Dr Farhan Nizami
St Antony's	Sir Paul Collier
Mansfield	Baroness Hale of Richmond
Pembroke	Professor Muhammad Meki
Worcester	Dr Afifi Al-Akiti

THE CENTRE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY

During the year under review, the Centre continued to make a substantial contribution to the academic and wider life of the University. This contribution was reflected in teaching, research-related activity, student support, library provision, and pastoral care.

1. Teaching: Centre Fellows continued to lecture and provide tutorial teaching for students reading for MPhil, MSc, MSt and DPhil degrees at the University. Professor Adeel Malik, Professor Shahid Jameel and Dr Moin Nizami taught an MPhil module on 'Contemporary Muslim Societies in a Global Context' at the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies. Dr Afifi Al-Akiti continued to contribute to Islamic Studies teaching through the Faculty of Theology and Religion and the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Professor Malik's graduate teaching included political economy options for the MPhil in Development Studies, the MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies, and the MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy. Professor Muhammad Meki taught on the MSc in Economics for Development, including topics in microfinance, cash transfers and savings.

2. Seminars and conferences: The Centre's termly seminar series and conferences were open to academics from a range of colleges, faculties and departments of the University.

3. Visiting Fellowships: The Centre's Visiting Fellows contributed to academic life at Oxford through their research, participation in seminars, and engagement with students and colleagues.

4. Scholarships and Exhibitions: During the year under review, the Centre supported Oxford students through 22 full scholarships and 16 exhibitions. At the time of writing, a further 6 scholarships and 19 exhibitions had been offered for the forthcoming academic year.

5. Library: The Centre's Library served as a specialist resource for members of the University. It remained open throughout the academic year and was used by more than a thousand Bodleian card holders.

6. Mosque: The Centre's Mosque continued to be used regularly by Muslim members of the University. As a member of the University's Chaplaincy Forum, the Imam met termly with other chaplains to discuss matters relating to student pastoral care and welfare.

COURSES AT THE CENTRE

In addition to the regular teaching undertaken by Fellows within the various faculties of the University, the Centre organised a number of courses open to the wider public.

Qur'anic recitation (*tajwid*)

Regular classes in Qur'anic recitation were conducted by Shaykh Muhammad Sahil.

Essentials of Islamic Worship

This modular introductory course was taught by Shaykh Muhammad Sahil.

Modern Standard Arabic

This course was taught by Mrs Sara Youssef (Arabic Lector) at beginner and intermediate levels.

History of Early Islamic Public Law

Dr Mohammed Allehbi taught this eight-week course, introducing participants to the development of Islamic public law and to the diverse legal theories and practices of Muslim societies.

Oil, Politics, and Prosperity in the Middle East

This one-day course offered an accessible introduction to the ways in which oil has shaped political life, economic development, and patterns of prosperity in the region. It was taught by Professor Adeel Malik.

Summer School on Islamic Finance: Markets and Development

Taught by Dr Abdulkader Thomas and Professor Muhammad Meki, this summer school focused on topics such as experimental economics, law, markets, regulation, innovation, and economic impact.

Chapter Three

SEMINARS

The following Centre Seminars and Fellows' Seminars were organised during the academic year 2025–26.

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

CENTRE SEMINARS

Professor Nandini Chatterjee (University of Oxford)
'Rediscovering Mughal Archives: Documents from Temples in Northern India'

Mr Raed Charafeddine (Former First Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Lebanon)
'Reviving Arab Governance through Structural Policy Reform?'

Professor Robert Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh)
'What Makes Qumm Special in the Architecture of 14th-Century Iran?'

Professor Claire Gallien (University of Tübingen)
'Early-Modern Orientalism and the Recreation of the Islamic Canon: From Collections to Catalogues'

Dr Fanny Bessard (University of Oxford)
'Revolts as Rituals of Political Communication in 'Abbāsid Baghdad (908–991)'

Professor Ian Talbot (University of Southampton)
'Engaging Muslim Societies: Insight from British Public Diplomacy in Pakistan'

Professor Faisal Devji (University of Oxford)
'Waning Crescent: The Rise and Fall of Global Islam'

Mr Nic Robertson (CNN International Diplomatic Editor)
'The Role of Media in a Changing World'

Dr Abdallah Al Dardari (Director on UNDP's Regional Bureau for Arab States and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Syria)
'The Future of Arab Development'

FELLOWS' SEMINARS

Professor Adil Najam (Boston University)
'Climate and Faith: Towards a Research Agenda'

Dr Nazrul Hazizi Noordin (IIUM)
'Mobilising Islamic Capital Markets for a Humane Future'

Dr Raida Chbib (Goethe University Frankfurt)
'Knowledge or Mediation? The Role of Academia in Changing State–Muslim Relations in Germany'

Dr Aaron Ponce (Indiana University)
'Anti-Muslim Sentiment in an Age of Secularization: Evidence from the U.S. and Europe'

Dr Noha Hussein (Nottingham Trent University)
'A Critical Edition of *Al-Dhakhā'ir wa-al-tuḥaf fī Bīr al-ṣanā'i' wa-al-ḥiraf*'

Dr Jari Portaankorva (Finnish Baptist Union)
'Religions and Nonviolent Peacebuilding'

Dr Mohammad Mozahidul Islam (Jahangirnagar University)
'The Political Economy of Islamic Banking and Finance: Regime Type and Financial Exclusion in Bangladesh (2009–2024)'

HILARY TERM 2026

CENTRE SEMINARS

Dr Chris Bahl (Durham University)
'Mobile Manuscripts: Arabic Learning across the Early Modern Western Indian Ocean'

Professor Tariq Modood (University of Bristol)
'Islamophobia, Antisemitism, and the Struggle for Recognition'

Professor James McDougall (University of Oxford)
'Worlds of Islam: A Global History'

Professor Sir Nasser D. Khalili (Khalili Foundation)
'Hajj and the Art of Pilgrimage'

Dr Tugba Bozcaga (King's College London)
'Imams and Patrons: Service Provision by Islamic Non-State Actors'

Professor Jocelyne Cesari (University of Birmingham)
'From Divine Sovereignty to National Legitimacy: Transformations in the Theology of Political Islam'

Dr Moin Nizami (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies)
'Transnational Ties of Faith: Imdadullah's Letters and Writings from the Hijaz During the Late-19th Century'

Professor Sheilagh Ogilvie (University of Oxford)
'Leviathan's Health: State Capacity and Epidemics from the Black Death to Covid'

FELLOWS' SEMINARS

Dr Husamettin Simsir (University of Notre Dame)
'Race, Religion, and Identity in the Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean: Tuhfe-i Nuriyye, A Cretan Greek-Ottoman Turkish Dictionary'

Professor Idris Bedirhanoglu (Dicle University)
'Methodological Challenges and Emerging Opportunities in the Assessment of Historic Islamic Architecture in the Middle East'

Dr Abdulkader Thomas (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies)
'The New Theory of Wealth Circulation'

Dr Elmoubashar Farag (University of Gezira)
'Islamic Approaches to Infectious Disease Management: Lessons for Today's Public Health'

Dr Muhammad Junaid Ghauri (International Islamic University, Islamabad)
'A Critical Reappraisal of Political Efforts on Muslims' Integration in UK Society'

Dr Veronika Poier (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies)
'Shaping Transregional Heritage: The Role of Syrian Craftsmen and European Travellers at Beit Ed-Din Palace (1800–1840)'

Professor Alabi Aliyu (Bayero University, Kano)
'One Encounter, Triple Paradigms: Ulama Responses to Colonial Education in Ilorin'

Dr Sarah Hopkyns (University of St Andrews)
'Translingual Identities in the Gulf: Language Ideologies and Belonging'

TRINITY TERM 2026

CENTRE SEMINARS

Dr Richard McClary (University of York)
'Three Styles of Medieval Iranian Ceramics: Lustre, Mina'i and Lajvardina'

Dr Harry Munt (University of York)
'Haram Historiography: Writing the History of Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem in the Early Islamic Centuries'

Professor James Wescoat (The Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
'Water Justice in Muslim Societies: Towards a Macro-Historical Geographic Perspective'

Dr Afifi Al-Akiti (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies)
'The Dignity of the Human Person in the Islamic Tradition Alongside the Judeo-Christian *Imago Dei*'

FELLOWS' SEMINARS

Professor Hassan Khalilieh (University of Haifa)
'Merchant Networks and Religious Transformation in the Abbasid Indian Ocean'

Dr Nazrul Hazizi Noordin (INCIEF University)
'How Should Climate Adaptation Be Valued? An Islamic Ethics Perspective'

Dr Shakhzod Islamov (Imam Maturidi International Research Centre)
'The Characteristics of the Mawarannahr Scientific School Based on the Work '*Al-Qand fī dhikr 'ulamā' Samarqand*''

Dr Ibrahim Safri (University of Oxford)
'Kalām Atomism and Its Application in Motion and Time'

Dr Ahmed Abdul Rehman (Allama Iqbal Open University)
'Ethical and Legal Approach of Islam to Gene Editing'

Dr Hiba Salem (University of Oxford)
'The Politics of Education and Hope in Forced Migration: Journeys of Syrian Young People Across the World'

Dr Abdul Raoof Mir (Alliance University, Bengaluru-India)
'Artificial Intelligence and Islam: Rethinking Religious Practice in the Digital Age'

Dr Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (University of Malaya)
'Accrual-Based Strategies and Alpha Persistence: Insights from U.S. Shariah-Compliant Stocks'

SEMINARS ON JUSTICE IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

Professor Ahmad al-Shamsy (University of Chicago)
'The Principle of the Rule of Law in Early Islam'

Dr Arnold Yasin Mol (Leiden University)
'Philosophical Anthropology in Hanafi-Maturidi Thought: Moral Universalism and Rights Discourse'

Professor Sari Hanafi (American University of Beirut)
'Against Symbolic Liberalism: A Plea for Dialogical Sociology'

Dr Kaouther Karoui (University of Münster)
'Reframing Transcultural Justice: From Early Arabo-Islamic Philosophy to Postcolonial Critique'

Chapter Four

PUBLIC LECTURES

The Centre's Distinguished Visiting Lecturer Programme continues to bring leading public figures to Oxford to speak on major issues of current concern. During the year under review, the following lectures were delivered:

HE President Željko Komšić (President of Bosnia and Herzegovina)
'Bosnia & Herzegovina at the Crossroads of Peace, Identity & Human Rights'

Professor Ahmet Davutoğlu (Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Türkiye)
'The Muslim World Today'

Dr Gillian Tett (University of Cambridge)
'AI and the Trust Revolution: How Technology Is Transforming Human Connections'
Keith Griffin Lecture

Rt Hon The Lord Hague of Richmond (Chancellor of the University of Oxford)
'The Future of Multilateralism: Keeping International Cooperation in the New Age of Unilateralism'
Anniversary Lecture

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal (Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies)
'The Global Order Today: A Muslim Perspective'
Anniversary Lecture

Professor Muhsin Jassim al-Musawi (Columbia University)
'The Medieval Islamic Republic of Letters'
King Faisal Lecture

The Rt Hon Lady Simler (Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom)
'Protecting Expression, Balancing Interests'
Sultan Azlan Shah Lecture

Dr Mohammed Hashim Ghosheh
'The Umayyad Mosaics of the Dome of the Rock'
King Faisal Lecture

Professor Michael Sandel (Harvard University)
'Moral Responsibilities of the Wealthy'

Dr Stella Panayotova (Royal Librarian and Deputy Keeper of the Royal Archives)
'Islamic Manuscripts in the Royal Library'
Library Lecture

Chapter Five

CONFERENCES & ROUNDTABLES

During the year under review, the Centre organised a number of conferences, roundtables, and workshops, bringing together scholars, practitioners, policymakers and institutional partners to examine questions of urgent contemporary importance.

1. Conference on 'Climate, Health and Faith: Understanding Science, Building Trust'

Supported by the British Academy

The Centre hosted a conference on 'Climate, Health and Faith: Understanding Science, Building Trust' in October 2025. Organised by Centre Fellows, Professor Shahid Jameel, Professor Adil Najam and Professor Sir David Clary, and supported by a competitive grant from the British Academy, the conference examined the relationship between scientific knowledge, public trust and the ethical resources of Muslim societies.

The conference was founded on the view that science is indispensable in addressing climate and health challenges, but is not by itself sufficient. Attitudes, behaviours and value systems shape the adoption of technological innovations and the willingness of communities to act. By convening scientists, policy practitioners and scholars of faith and society, the Centre provided a setting in which technical knowledge could be considered alongside the moral and social frameworks through which it is received.

The conference brought together eighteen international expert speakers and an audience of around seventy participants. Discussions ranged across environmental and ecological science, climate and health policy, comparative religious perspectives and case studies of behavioural practice inspired by faith. They converged on the importance of linking the doctrinal and practical resources of faith traditions with climate action at the level of both practice and policy.

Building on these discussions, the Centre has proposed an edited volume to the British Academy on how faith influences and can help to shape climate action in the Muslim world.

2. Roundtable with the Securities Commission Malaysia on 'Guardians of the Earth: Climate Action through the Lens of Maqasid al-Shariah'

Supported by the Securities Commission Malaysia

The 16th annual SC–OCIS Roundtable on Islamic Finance took place in Kuala Lumpur. Its theme, 'Guardians of the Earth: Climate Action through the Lens of Maqasid al-Shariah', reflected the Centre's continuing interest in encouraging Islamic finance to engage not only with technical

market questions but also with the ethical and social purposes that should guide financial practice.

The Roundtable convened academics, practitioners, policymakers, architects and sustainability experts to examine how the ethical foundations of Islamic finance can contribute to a more just and effective response to the climate crisis. A distinctive feature of the programme was the participation of architects Serina Hijjas and Dato' Dr Ar Ken Yeang. Their presentations broadened the discussion beyond financial policy and investment to consider the built environment, environmental responsibility and humanity's responsibility as steward of the Earth.

Serina Hijjas explored divine stewardship in architecture, highlighting the responsibility of designers not only to building users, but also to ecosystems and future generations. Dato' Dr Ar Ken Yeang considered how societies might move beyond individual green buildings towards the creation of a green civilisation in which ecology, technology, culture, and urban planning are integrated. These contributions placed climate action within a wider moral vocabulary of responsibility, intergenerational justice and human wellbeing.

The technical sessions focused on the application of the Securities Commission's 'Maqasid al-Shariah Guideline No. 4: Capital for Climate Projects'. Participants considered how public, private and blended finance could be mobilised more effectively for climate adaptation, mitigation and transition projects. They also examined barriers including limited pipelines of bankable projects, weak enabling environments, perceived imbalances between risk and return, and shortcomings in climate-related data and measurement.

The discussions further considered the role of financial regulation and policy in directing capital towards projects that strengthen the resilience of communities, ecosystems and economic systems. Participants considered how the principles of justice, risk-sharing, stewardship and responsibility towards future generations could enable Islamic finance to make a distinctive contribution to climate finance.

Contributors included Professor Mehmet Asutay, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar and Dr Abdulkader Thomas. Their contributions linked the Roundtable's ethical framework with the practical challenges of encouraging capital flow towards credible and impactful climate projects.

3. Workshop on '*Water Justice in Muslim Societies*'

The workshop 'Water Justice in Muslim Societies', held at the Centre in May 2026, brought together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners to develop a comparative research agenda on water justice across the Indus, Nile and Euphrates–Tigris river basins. It formed part of an ongoing research programme supported by the Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) and was organised as a collaborative initiative involving the Centre, the Oxford Department of International Development, the Oxford Water Network, the Oxford Systems Thinking Hub, the Oxford Climate and Development Group, and the Centre for Water Informatics & Technology at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). Former

visiting fellow Dr Abubakr Muhammad (LUMS) organised the workshop in collaboration with Professor Adeel Malik and Dr Mohammed Allehbi.

The workshop explored questions at the intersection of history, political economy, environmental change and contemporary development through multidisciplinary perspectives. Different sessions focused on historical legacies of water management, governance and institutional capacity, hydrological infrastructure, inequality, transboundary water governance, environmental change and the role of new technologies and data in understanding water systems.

The programme featured scholars from Oxford and leading international institutions, including Professor James Wescoat (MIT), Professor Bob Allen (Nuffield College and NYU Abu Dhabi), Professor Jim Hall (University of Oxford), Professor Tirthankar Roy (LSE), Professor Mohamed Saleh (LSE), Professor Sam Asher (Imperial College), Dr Afreen Siddiqi (MIT) and Dr Amin Elshorbagy (University of Saskatchewan), alongside researchers from the World Bank, UCL, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and other partner institutions.

The workshop concluded with a forward-looking discussion on future collaborative research, partnerships and the development of a longer-term comparative programme on water justice in Muslim societies.

4. Panel Discussions at the Emir Abdulkader Al Jazairi Programme Launch

The enduring legacy of Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi was commemorated at an academic event attended by scholars, diplomatic representatives, students and the wider public. The event included three panels on topics of relevance to the new Programme. HE Cheikh Mohamed Al Maamoun Al Kacimi Al Hassani (Rector of Djamaa El-Djazair) presided over the first panel, with contributions from Professor Mustapha Chérif (former Algerian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research), Professor Tom Woerner-Powell (University of Manchester), Yacine Benabid (Director General of the Cultural Centre of the Great Mosque of Algiers) and Professor Mohammad Bouabdallah (University of Westminster).

HE Professor Kamel Baddari (Algerian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research) presided over the second panel and contributed to the discussion, which focused on ‘Science, Technology and Higher Education’, alongside Sir David Clary, FRS (President Emeritus, Magdalen College, Oxford, and former Chief Scientific Advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Professor Adil Najam and Professor Shahid Jameel.

Mr Martyn Keith Roper (President, Algerian British Business Council) opened the final panel, ‘Economic and Human Development in the UK and Algeria’, which included contributions from HE Nourredine Yazid (Ambassador of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Kingdom), Professor Amir Lebdioui (University of Oxford), Professor Adeel Malik and Dr Abdelkader Thomas.

Chapter Six

PUBLICATIONS

The Centre's publications include the *Journal of Islamic Studies* and the *Makers of Islamic Civilization* series, both published by Oxford University Press.

1 THE JOURNAL OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

The *Journal*, published since 1990, places the study of Islam and Muslim societies in global context.

Volume 36, Number 3, September 2025

Articles:

Fedor Benevich, 'Pleasure, Pain, and Desire: Epistemology and Ontology of Mental States in Kalām';

Hanif Amin Beidokhti, 'Iranian *madrasa* historiographies on the fate of *falsafa* after Averroes: the structure, scope, and history of 'Islamic philosophy' from Mīr Dāmād to Ṭabāṭabāʾī and Āshtiyānī'; and

Zeynep Dörtok Abacı and Boğaç A. Ergene, 'False witnessing: theory and practice in the premodern Ottoman empire'.

The Book Review section contained 15 reviews.

Volume 37, Number 1, January 2026

Articles:

Khaled M. G. Keshk, 'The reign of the Muhājirūn: an exercise in re-periodization'
Mohammed Rustom, 'Recognizing recognition: *maʿrifa* in Sufi thought';

Zachary Wright, 'The Sufi shaykh of Ibn ʿAbd al-Wahhāb? An overview of the writings of the Madinan ḥadīth scholar Muḥammad Ḥayāt al-Sindī'; and

Fatma Sel Turhan, 'The Bosnian Catholics during the nineteenth century in the context of the Ottoman *millet* system discussions'.

The Book Review section contained 14 reviews.

Volume 37, Number 2, May 2026

Articles:

Seyfeddin Kara, ‘Debating the origins: the sanctity of Madina in ḥadīth narratives’;

Abdulrahman Sabah Alazemi, ‘Sultan’s absence: the vacuum of political authority and late Mālikī jurisprudence’;

M Sait Özervarlı, ‘Seeking knowledge beyond Istanbul: Ottoman scholar Veliyüddin Cârullah’s (d. 1738) journey to the eastern lands of the empire for intellectual explorations’; and

Angelika Brodersen, ‘Neither existent nor non-existent, neither created nor uncreated: human agency and free choice in Māturīdī scholar Muḥammad b. Walī b. Rasūl al-Qīrshahrī al-Izmīrī’s (d. 1165/1751) *Kitāb al-Masāʾil al-khilāfiyya bayna al-Māturīdiyya wa-l-Ashāʿira*’.

The Book Review section contained 11 reviews.

2 THE MAKERS OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

Moin Ahmad Nizami, *Haji Imdadullah*, Oxford University Press (2025).

Forthcoming titles

Mawdudi by Mustansir Mir (in production).

Chapter Seven

RESEARCH

The Centre's research is organised around five priority areas:

- religion, culture and society in the Muslim world;
- social and economic development of Muslim societies;
- science, technology and the environment in Muslim societies;
- Islamic finance; and
- Muslims in Britain.

Together, these areas provide a coherent framework for the Centre's research while enabling individual projects to develop in response to new partnerships and scholarly opportunities.

1 RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

This research stream includes religion and theology, interfaith relations, area studies, social, intellectual and legal history, Islamic art and material culture.

Centre Fellow Dr Mohammed Ali Allehbi's research focused on the formation of criminal justice in late antiquity and medieval Islamic societies. His forthcoming monograph *The Making of Islamic Criminal Justice* considers early Islamic law, governance and society through the institution of the *shurṭa*, the elite corps responsible for the administration of criminal justice and policing in Baghdad, Cairo and Cordoba from the eighth to the twelfth centuries. He is working on a monograph on 'Crime and Punishment in Early Islam' for the Cambridge Elements Series and preparing a collaborative translation of the ninth-century Arabic text '*Ādāb al-falāsifa*' (Etiquette of the Philosophers). His co-authored article, '"They are like your Arabs": Giovanni Villani on Ibn Khaldun's Tunis (The Ḥafṣid Civil War)', *Renaissance Quarterly*, Volume 78, Number 1 (2025), was runner-up for the annual William Nelson Prize, awarded to the best articles published in the journal. Dr Allehbi also published a historiographical analysis of the classical administration of the Islamic justice system in *History Compass*.

Dr Afifi Al-Akiti, Centre Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology and Religion is completing a two-year project on 'Human Dignity Across the Islamic and Christian Traditions', undertaken in partnership with the Brigham Young University International Center for Law and Religious Studies. The project examines major theological doctrines that shape ideas of human dignity in Islam and Christianity and considers how these shared foundations may inform contemporary ethical debates about human society. He contributed to the International Workshop on Multifaith

Partnership at the Multi-Faith Neighbors Network, Oxford in June 2026. Dr Al-Akiti and Dr Allehbi organised an interdisciplinary seminar series on 'Thinking Justice in Muslim Societies', which hosted speakers such as Professor Ahmad al-Shamsy (University of Chicago) and Professor Sari Hanafi (American University of Beirut).

The transmission of ideas across Muslim lands continued to receive attention within the cluster. Trans-Asian religious networks and reform movements across colonial boundaries that reshaped Muslim communities were addressed in a case study on *Haji Imdadullah* (OUP) authored by Dr Moin Nizami, Tun Abdul Razak Fellow. It explored how Islamic learning, personal piety and collective reform shaped Imdadullah's role as a pivotal religious and intellectual figure of his times. The monograph was the subject of discussion at a dedicated TORCH session and at seminars at the University of Edinburgh, University of Lausanne and St Antony's College, Oxford. Dr Nizami participated in an international forum on 'The Legacy of a Great Past – The Foundation of an Enlightened Future' at the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan.

The Centre's contribution to the history of Islamic art was advanced by work on Islamic visual culture, curatorial practice and the study of material heritage. The Fellow in Islamic Art and Material Culture, Dr Veronika Poier, is preparing a research project on the study of medieval Anatolian Beylik architecture with Dr Richard McClary (University of York). Her forthcoming monograph, *Rebuilding Bursa: How the Court of Mehmed I Shaped Early Ottoman Art and Sovereignty*, examines reconstruction and artistic exchange between Anatolia and Central Asia. She organised an international workshop on 'Transregional Craftsmanship: The Role of Itinerant Workshops in post-Seljuk and Early Ottoman Architecture'. Experts from the UK and Türkiye attended the workshop and explored possible avenues for future cooperation on Ottoman material culture.

The Atlas Project: The Social and Intellectual History of Muslims in South Asia

The Atlas Project examines the history and geographical spread of Muslim social and intellectual networks in South Asia. It documents the movement of people, ideas, institutions, and scholarly traditions across regions and over time, giving visual form to patterns of connection, continuity, and change. Its maps show the geographical diffusion, expansion, and contraction of intellectual networks; its charts and tables trace these patterns across generations; and its accompanying commentary explains the historical significance of the evidence.

The wider project is planned in five regional volumes: the Arabian Peninsula, Southwest Asia, the Nile Valley, and the Red Sea; West-Central Asia, Inner Eurasia, and Western China; North Africa, the Western Mediterranean, and Saharan and West Africa; South Asia; and Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean. The Atlas is under the overall direction of Dr Farhan Nizami. The South Asia volume, now nearing completion, has been supported by the Leverhulme Trust (UK), the Faisal Islamic Bank, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

The *South Asia* volume traces the region's first contacts with Islam through trade and military activity, and maps settlement patterns, pilgrimage and trade routes, and the emergence of Muslim

polities including the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire. Against this political and economic background, it charts the development of Sufi and scholarly networks, teaching centres, curricula, migration patterns, and channels for the transmission of learning. The volume comprises 23 chapters, 162 maps, 142 charts, and 109 tables, drawing on verified and interpreted material from local histories, biographical dictionaries, chronicles, and other historical sources. Its accompanying text of approximately 180,000 words brings this material together and explains the principal findings.

Over the past two years, work has concentrated on completing the textual commentary and on the verification and standardization of the maps and charts. Dr Moin Nizami manages the Atlas team and is writing the commentary explaining the principal themes emerging from the visual and statistical material. He is supported by Dr Fouzia Farooq Ahmed, who joined the team as Research Fellow in January 2025.

Ms Dorothy Green (MPhil, University of Oxford) joined the project as Research Assistant in October 2025, with responsibility for the bibliography, index, and related end matter. Dr Aftab Mallick (DPhil, University of Oxford) joined in January 2026 as Atlas Visiting Fellow and is working on historiography and Muslim settlements in South Asia. Dr Alex Kent continues to support the project as cartographer. As the *South Asia* volume approaches completion, initial preparatory work has also begun for possible future volumes covering other regions of the Muslim world, drawing on the critical scholarly apparatus refined through the preparation of the present volume.

2 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MUSLIM SOCIETIES

Demographic change, rapid urbanisation, technological disruption, and climate-related pressures are reshaping development trajectories. The research stream on economic and human development provides an interdisciplinary platform that combines empirical analysis with policy engagement to understand economic diversification, poverty, educational deficits, labour markets, conflict, institutional fragility, state capacity, climate adaptation and technological change in Muslim societies. Centre Fellow Professor Adeel Malik served as an Associate Professor in the Department of International Development and contributed to teaching, supervision, and research that connected the Centre’s agenda in this field with wider Oxford scholarship. He taught graduate courses on the political economy of development, particularly the Middle East and north Africa.

Graduate students supervised by Centre fellows have studied topics such as sovereign wealth funds in the Gulf, industrial upgrading in Bangladesh and Türkiye, foreign aid and inequality in post-conflict societies, irrigation and political economy in colonial South Asia, business–state relations in Lebanon, agriculture and conflict in Sudan, Gulf economic diplomacy, Islam and development in Nigeria, and technology adoption in Asia.

Professor Adeel Malik has examined the political economy of Muslim societies through historical institutional analysis, fine-grained data, and empirical methods. One strand of his research has focused on historical political economy and the long-run effects of colonial-era institutions on

contemporary development. A collaborative project resulted in a joint paper on political dynasties and development under competitive clientelism in Pakistan, published in University of Chicago Stone Center Working Paper Series. He completed a study on 'Irrigation and Inequality', funded by the Centre for Economic Policy Research, which investigates the developmental consequences of British Punjab's canal irrigation system, and shows how transformative technologies can entrench long-term inequalities. This work was presented at the Econometric Society in Cairo and Lahore, and at the World Bank in Washington DC. Recent initiatives, such as the workshop on 'Water Justice in Muslim Societies', have further expanded comparative and multidisciplinary engagement with emerging global challenges.

Contemporary political economy challenges in the Middle East were covered in presentations at the Economic Research Forum in Cairo and op-ed contributions to *Project Syndicate*. Private-sector development and economic diversification, trade and globalisation, resilience of infrastructure projects to economic and political shocks, with particular reference to Saudi Arabia, and the broader dynamics of business–state relations received attention. The Annual KIA-CEF Lecture was delivered by Professor Malik on 'Institutions for Growth and Development in the Arab World' at the Kuwait Investment Authority. Presentations were made on political economy of development at the International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, and on trade liberalisation at the American Political Science Association (Vancouver, Canada) and the World Trade Review's 25th Anniversary Conference (Geneva, Switzerland).

3 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

The Centre's research stream on 'Science, Technology, and Environment in Muslim Societies' focuses on climate change, public health, food security, and infectious disease. It examines the relationship between scientific change, environmental pressure, public health, and social values. Muslim perceptions of climate change and the societal implications of environmental degradation were examined using interdisciplinary methods to bridge scientific analysis and socio-cultural understanding. Food systems and their contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions, ethical dimensions, cultural receptivity of alternative proteins, and technological answers to such challenges fall under the scope of the project. This research stream has been led by Professor Shahid Jameel with Sir David Clary as an advisor.

The Centre organised a British Academy funded conference on 'Climate, Health and Faith: Understanding Science, Building Trust' (see Chapter Five). Empirical data on Muslim attitudes towards climate change and dietary transition is being collected through an ongoing survey. A further strand of work considers infectious diseases and the effects of climate change in geographies with significant Muslim populations. This resulted in an authoritative review of vaccination in Muslim countries. The theme was also covered in op-ed contributions in *Nature India* and *The Indian Express*. The cultural context of organ donation was addressed by Professor Jameel at a conference in the United Arab Emirates.

Another area of work considers the impact of disruptive technologies on Muslim societies. The publication of Professor Jameel and Sir David's co-edited volume *Disruptive Technologies and Muslim Societies* by World Scientific Publishing in 2025 has helped to consolidate this theme and

has given rise to a new research focus on artificial intelligence. The emerging project, 'AI, Islam and Muslims: Knowledge, Value, and Responsibility', draws on Islamic philosophy and theology as intellectual resources for interrogating the assumptions, logics, and consequences of AI. This programme underscores the urgency of connecting scientific innovation with culturally attuned ethical and policy frameworks, so that responses to pressing global challenges are both technically informed and socially grounded.

4 ISLAMIC FINANCE

The Centre continued to focus on Islamic Finance through a number of initiatives. The Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Fellow in Islamic Finance, Associate Professor Muhammad Meki, developed a research programme at the intersection of development economics and Islamic finance, with an emphasis on how tailored financing contracts can support investment, entrepreneurship, and income growth in developing countries. His current work links financial inclusion with women's economic participation, digital work, and the green transition.

Professor Meki advanced a series of applied research projects across several countries, each examining how appropriately designed financial instruments can support investment, entrepreneurship and inclusive economic participation. In Kenya, a pilot study on financing electric two-wheelers was completed, yielding valuable evidence on demand-side barriers to electric vehicle adoption and informing the design of a possible larger-scale intervention. This work on 'Electric Vehicle Financing and Infrastructure in Kenya' was presented at a seminar at Harvard University. In Pakistan, a new project on asset financing for female taxi drivers is being implemented. It examines how asset-based contracts may expand women's access to income-generating opportunities in the transport sector. A paper on 'Asset Financing for Women in Pakistan' was presented at the University of Chicago. In Iraq, work continued on SME capital grants, blended finance and investment-readiness training, with a view to strengthening enterprise growth and access to capital. In Bangladesh, data collection for a project on the financing of online freelancers in rural areas has nearly been completed and Professor Meki is now moving into analysis and writing. Alongside his field projects, Professor Meki is working on equity finance and small firm investment under uncertainty, as well as credit contracts with performance-contingent repayment. This work was presented at seminars at the Central Bank of Indonesia, the Financial Intermediation Research Society of Korea, UCLA, UC Davis, UC Berkeley and University of Southern California. A related publication on 'Unlocking investment in small firms through performance-linked financial contracts' appeared in *VoxDev* (2 June 2025).

The Islamic Finance Unit continued to develop a programme of research and engagement at the intersection of Islamic legal thought, financial practice, and contemporary market development. Professor Meki was joined in the Unit by Dr Abdulkader Thomas, Sultan Nazrin Shah Fellow in Islamic Financial Markets. Dr Thomas was engaged in two principal strands of research: the first examined how Islamic finance can advance the *maqasid* objective of preserving and developing wealth, and the second studied *sukuk* markets, with particular attention to the continuing demand for debt-like instruments. His work on wealth circulation reconsiders aspects of Islamic moral economy and draws on Ghazalian principles to examine financial-market behaviour. Papers

arising from this research have been submitted to conferences at the Durham Business School and the University of Qatar.

The drivers and limitations of *sukuk* markets have been examined by Dr Thomas. This research, conducted in collaboration with the International Shariah Research Academy (INCEIF, Malaysia), considers the interaction between new *sukuk* regulations in GCC capital markets, local insolvency laws and investor preferences. It has been provisionally accepted for the 'Values for Impact Conference' convened by the Islamic Development Bank Institute at the International University of Sarajevo.

Dr Thomas worked on the structure of Islamic social finance markets. This research responds to the Securities Commission Malaysia's implementation of its first Social Exchange Guidelines in late 2025 and considers the organising principles of social finance and how they may support the creation of bankable projects. His wider research activities also include work on SAFE contracts for venture capital, African capital markets and crypto markets. He participated in the annual conference of the Financial Regulatory Advisory Council of Experts of the Central Bank of Nigeria and lectured on the course 'History of Early Islamic Public Law' at the Centre. He has published book reviews in the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* and *Legal Transformation in Muslim Societies.*

The Islamic Finance Discussion Group (IFDG) served as a forum for critical engagement with Islamic finance in the UK and beyond. It engaged with scholars and practitioners from across the field and maintained links with former visiting fellows. Mufti Abdulqadir Barakatulla (Al Rayan Bank) discussed Shariah governance in Islamic financial institutions. Dr Elmoubashar Farag (Qatar University) examined the requirements for Islamic finance in healthcare delivery across the OIC. Dr Lukman Seriki (Alternative Bank Nigeria) explored Shariah compliance in Nigerian banks. Dr David Wallace-Hare (European Islamic Finance Research Group) examined the debanking of Muslim charities in the US and UK and proposed community-led alternatives. Dr Ahmed Abdul Rehman (Allama Iqbal Open University) discussed *musharakah* as a short-term working-capital instrument in Pakistan. Dr Thomas looked at the comparative Sunni *fiqh* of insolvency resolution.

A central strand of the Unit's work was advanced through the Centre's long-standing partnership with the Securities Commission Malaysia, principally through the SC–OCIS Roundtable and Visiting Fellowship programme. During the year the 16th SC–OCIS Roundtable was held in Kuala Lumpur on the theme, 'Guardians of the Earth: Climate Action Through the Lens of Maqasid al-Shariah' (see Chapter Five), and was attended by a number of former SC–OCIS Visiting Fellows. Dr Nazrul Hazizi Noordin (International Islamic University Malaysia) was in residence as the SC–OCIS Visiting Fellow.

5 MUSLIMS IN BRITAIN

The Muslims in Britain programme provides a framework for sustained research, policy engagement and public discussion on British Muslim life. Its purpose is to support evidence-based work on issues related to Muslim communities in Britain and to advance wider

understanding of citizenship, belonging, institutional participation, religious literacy and social cohesion.

The programme builds on the Centre's long-standing work on Muslims in Britain, including research on political participation, identity formation, education, family structures, Muslim chaplaincy and the role of Muslims in public institutions. Its present priority is to renew this agenda through focused collaborative research, stronger partnerships with academic and community-based institutions, and a clearer pathway between scholarship, policy and public engagement.

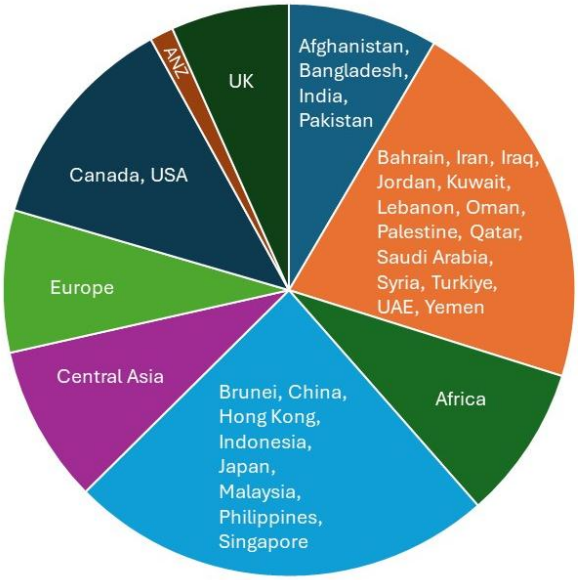
Interdisciplinary research in this stream has focused on identity, inequality and social inclusion. Dr Asma Mustafa's work engages with public health, race, belonging, and civic participation, and contributes to wider academic and policy discussions on equity and social cohesion. She is collaborating on a three-year research project on evaluation and appraisal of screening, education and prevention interventions in mosques and their impact on the health and well-being of Muslim communities. This work assesses cost-effectiveness and considers how successful interventions might be sustained beyond the period of the study. The project has been funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research. Elements of Dr Mustafa's ongoing research on the politics of Muslim education have been accepted for publication in the second edition of the *International Handbook of the Religious, Moral and Spiritual Dimensions in Education* (Springer).

Dr Mustafa has been developing a collaborative research proposal on cultural code-switching among British Muslim and Black employees in professional environments and how they navigate workplace cultures. It will contribute to wider discussions on diversity, inclusion, and organisational culture in contemporary Britain.

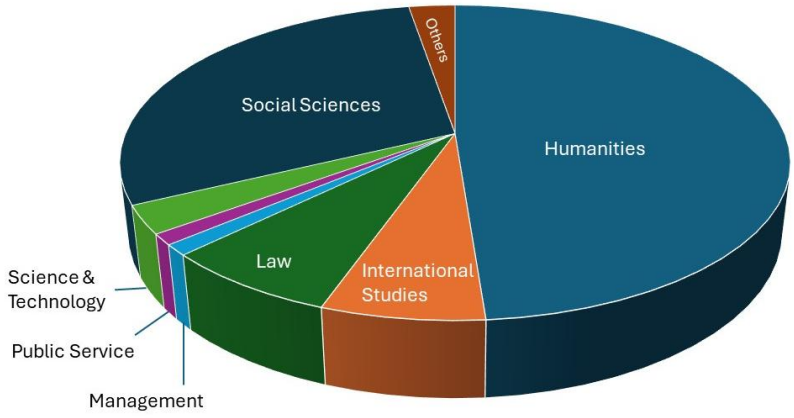
Chapter Eight

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

The Visiting Fellowships programme establishes and sustains academic contacts with scholars and institutions, at national and international levels. It enables scholars to spend a period of independent study and research at Oxford.



Since its inception, the programme has brought more than 450 researchers from over 60 countries to the Centre. The agreement with The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) enhances the integration of international visiting fellows into Oxford's wider research environment. A joint agreement with the Africa Oxford Initiative will add a further two AfOx fellowships to the Centre's offerings.



The academic specialisations of the Visiting Fellows cover a wide range of disciplines in the humanities, social and natural sciences.

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

The following visiting fellows were in residence during 2025–26:

Dr Idris Bedirhanoglu, MSc (Harran University), PhD (Istanbul Technical University)
Dicle University
Visiting Fellow

Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, ACCA, ICAEW, MIA
Sultan bin Abdulaziz Visiting Fellow

Dr Husamettin Simsir, BA (Bogazici), MA (Sanbanci), MA (University of Notre Dame), PhD (University of Notre Dame)
University of Notre Dame
Visiting Fellow

Dr Abdul Raoof Mir, MPhil (University of Hyderabad), PhD (JNU)
Alliance University
Visiting Fellow

Dr Raida Chbib, MA (Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn), DPhil (Ruhr University Bochum)
Goethe University Frankfurt
Visiting Fellow

Dr Aaron Ponce, BA (University of Miami), MA (University of Texas), JD (University of Wisconsin-Madison), PhD (Indiana University)
Indiana University
Visiting Fellow

Dr Ikramul Haque, BA, MA, MPhil (Jamia Millia Islamia), MPhil, PhD (JNU)
Maulana Azad National Urdu University
Atlas Visiting Fellow

Professor Sakariyau Alabi Aliyu, MA (University of Ilorin), PhD (Universiteit Leiden)
Bayero University
Visiting Fellow

Professor Hassan Khalilieh, BA (University of Haifa), MA, PhD (Princeton University)
University of Haifa
Visiting Fellow

Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar, ACCA, CFA, MPhil (Cantab)
Xenel (Turkey) Visiting Fellow

Dr Elmoubashar Farag, MBBS (University of Gezira), PhD (Blue Nile Institute), PhD (Erasmus University)
University of Gezira
STEMS Visiting Fellow

Dr Aftab Mallick, BA (McGill), MSt (Oxon), DPhil (Oxon)
University of Oxford
Atlas Visiting Fellow

Dr Hiba Salem, PhD (Cantab)
University of Oxford
Visiting Fellow

The following elections have so far been made to Visiting Fellowships for 2026–27:

Professor Ahmet Kuru, PhD (Washington)
San Diego State University (SDSU)
Abdul Aziz Al-Mutawa Visiting Fellow

Dr Anood Sohail, BSc (Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore), MSc (UCL), PhD (Cantab)
The Open University
Visiting Fellow

Dr Makoto Sawai, BA (Tenri), MA (Tohoku), MA (AUC), PhD (Tohoku)
Tenri University
Visiting Fellow

Dr Andrew Petersen, MA (St Andrews), MPhil (Oxon), PhD (UoW)
University of Bradford
Visiting Fellow

Dr Iman Al-Rujaibi, BA (Sultan Qaboos), MA (Al al-Bayt), PhD (Birmingham)
Sultan Qaboos University
Visiting Fellow

Professor Riem Spielhaus, PhD (Humboldt)
Georg-August-University Göttingen
Visiting Fellow

Dr Ayse Betul Donmez Tekin, BA (Ankara), MA (Marmara), MA (Columbia), PhD (Marmara)
Yalova University
Visiting Fellow

JUDr. Luděk Sekyra, LLD (Charles University)
Tan Sri Lim Visiting Fellow

SC-OCIS VISITING FELLOWSHIP IN ISLAMIC FINANCE

The following Visiting Fellow was in residence during 2025–26:

Dr Nazrul Hazizi Noordin, BCom (Lincoln, Christchurch), MSc (IIUM), PhD (INCEIF)
IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance
SC–OCIS Visiting Fellow in Islamic Finance

Election to the SC–OCIS Visiting Fellowship for 2026–27 is underway.

CHEVENING VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

During the year under review, the following Chevening Visiting Fellows were in residence:

Ms Alaa Alshurafa, BA, MBA (Al Azhar, Gaza)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (*Palestine*)

Ms Nouhad Ghazi Awwad, BSc, MSc (AUB)
Greenpeace MENA
Chevening Visiting Fellow (*Lebanon*)

Professor Dr Jülide Karakoç Bakiş, BA (Marmara), MA (Galatasaray), PhD (Ankara)
Altınbaş University
Abdullah Gül Chevening Visiting Fellowship (*Türkiye*)

Mr Cheong Say Lim, MBA (INSEAD Fontainebleau), MFP (Sunshine Coast)
Saudi Venture Capital Investment Company
Chevening Visiting Fellow (*Malaysia*)

Mr Tijjani Mohammed Mukaddas, BSc Ed., M.Ed, PhD (Abuja)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (*Nigeria*)

Mr Dilmurod Rajaboev, BA, LLM (TSUL)
Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Chevening Visiting Fellow (*Uzbekistan*)

The following elections have been made to Chevening Visiting Fellowships for 2026–27:

Ms Myriam Kherif, BSc (ESCE), MBA (IE)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (Algeria)

Mr Ahmed Hammad, LLB (Al-Azhar), LLM (Mansoura), LLM (Emory)
The British University in Egypt
Chevening Visiting Fellow (Egypt)

Dr Kamilya Tleubayeva, BA, MA (L.N. Gumilyov ENU), LLM (Maqsut Narikbayev), PhD (L.N. Gumilyov ENU)
Astana Open Dialogue Public Foundation (AOD)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (Kazakhstan)

Ms Majdoulene Kerish, BEng (Loughborough), MPhil (Cantab), EMIF (INCEIF)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (Palestine)

Dr Rasha Khalil, MSc (UoW – Bangor), PhD, PhD (Chongqing)
Sichuan International Studies University (SISU)
Chevening Visiting Fellow (Syria)

Dr Tuba Eldem, BA (Bogaziçi), MA (Birmingham), PhD (Toronto)
Fenerbahçe University
Abdullah Gül Chevening Visiting Fellow (Türkiye)

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

During the year under review, the following Visiting Research Fellows were in residence:

Dr Sarah Hopkyns, BA, MA (Leicester), PhD (Leicester)
University of St Andrews
Visiting Research Fellow

Dr Jari Portaankorva, BTh, MTh, PhD (Helsinki)
Visiting Research Fellow

Dr Shakhzod Islamov, BA (Tashkent Islamic University), MA (Tashkent State Institute of Law)
Imam Maturidi International Research Centre, Uzbekistan
Visiting Research Fellow

Dr Mohammad Mozahidul Islam, MA (Jahangirnagar University), MA (University of Tsukuba), PhD (University of New South Wales)
Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
Visiting Research Fellow

Dr Noha Hussein, MSc (Cairo University), DPhil (Nottingham Trent University)
Visiting Research Fellow

The following elections have so far been made to Visiting Research Fellowships for 2026–27:

Dr Rusmir Sadic, BA, BA, MA (Sarajevo), PhD (Zagreb)
University of Tuzla
Imam Bukhari Visiting Research Fellow

Professor Dina El Omari, PhD (Munster)
University of Munster
Visiting Research Fellow

Dr Talha Turhan, BA (Istanbul), BA (Anadolu), MA (Erciyes), PhD (Yıldırım Beyazıt)
Erciyes University
Visiting Research Fellow

ACADEMIC VISITORS

During the year under review, the following Academic Visitors were in residence:

Ms Arwa Alnesafi, B.Acc. (Gulf University of Sc. & Tech.), M.Acc (Case Western Reserve)
Prince Sultan University
Academic Visitor

Dr Hassan Baig, MSc (Punjab), MA (Sargodha), MPhil, PhD (GC University, Faisalabad)
Allama Iqbal Open University
Academic Visitor

Dr Muhammad Junaid Ghauri, PhD (Gujrat)
International Islamic University, Islamabad
Academic Visitor

Dr Ahmed Abdul Rehman, BCom (AIOU), MS (IIU), PhD (AIOU)
Allama Iqbal Open University
Academic Visitor

The following will be in residence as Academic Visitors during 2026–27:

Mr Abdulaziz Alotaibi, BA (SDSU), MPhil (Cantab)
University of Pennsylvania
Kuwait Academic Visitor

Dr Kübra Çetin, MA, PhD (Ankara)
Academic Visitor

SARAWAK SABBATICAL PROGRAMME

Under an agreement with the Government of Sarawak, the Centre hosts one civil servant per term on a career development attachment.

Siti Aishah Jolhi, BBus(IS) (Swinburne University of Technology)
Sarawak Academic Visitor

Mr Mohammad Fauzi b. Hairani, BIS (UKM)
Sarawak Academic Visitor

Mr Mohd Isselahuddin b. Kameri
Sarawak Academic Visitor

Chapter Nine

SCHOLARS & EXHIBITIONERS

The Centre Scholarships support students reading for degrees at the University of Oxford and are administered under an Agreement with the University. The primary purpose is to widen access to the University for students from Britain and overseas, and to encourage and support study that will benefit Muslim communities and the wider societies to which they belong.

The Scholarships are available to students reading for graduate and undergraduate degrees in the humanities, social sciences, and those areas of the mathematical, physical, and life sciences relevant to the needs of Muslim societies. Some awards are restricted to citizens of countries in Asia and Africa, or to British citizens from Muslim communities.

During the year under review, 22 Centre Scholarships were held by students reading for degrees in chemistry, economics, education, engineering, history, international relations, Islamic studies, law, materials science, philosophy and PPE. In addition, 16 Exhibitions were awarded. Exhibition holders may reside at the Centre and have free access to its academic and collegiate resources.

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

The following Centre Scholars, resident during the year under review, completed their degree courses during the year:

Miss Zaynah Alisha Hussain, BA in History
Qatar Scholar
Oriel College

Mr Seyvaq Singh, MBA in Business Administration
Merdeka Scholar
Kellogg College

Mr Dhipan Raj Sundram, MBA in Business Administration
Merdeka Scholar
St Hugh's College

Miss Suleqa Warsame, BA in Law (Jurisprudence)
Qatar Scholar
Trinity College

The following Centre Scholars were in residence and will continue their studies during the coming academic year:

Ms Rabeah Adawiyah Abdul Razak, reading for a DPhil in Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
Merdeka Scholar
Green Templeton College

Mr Ali Ata Adam, reading for a DPhil in Wind and Marine Energy Systems and Structures
JEF Scholar
Somerville College

Ms Sara Alisha bt Mohd Afandi, reading for an MPhil in Global Area Studies
Merdeka Scholar
St Antony's College

Miss Tasfia Ahammed, reading for a BA in Biomedical Sciences
Easa Saleh Al Gurg Scholar
St Anne's College

Ms Audrey Au Yong, reading for a DPhil in Surgical Sciences
Merdeka Scholar
Reuben College

Mr Ahmed Dayyan, reading for a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
Khalid Al Ibrahim Scholar
New College

Ms Aisha Hasan, reading for a BA in History
Saif Al Nahayyan Scholar
Christ Church College

Mr Syed Nadeem Hussain, reading for a DPhil in International Development
JEF Scholar
Wolfson College

Miss Hasina Ibrahim, reading for a BA in Geography
Qatar Scholar
St John's College

Mr Nurul Izzah Abdullah, reading for a DPhil in Education
Merdeka Scholar
Lady Margaret Hall

Miss Mahnoor Kamran, reading for a BA in Geography
Noon Scholar
St John's College

Mr Meng Lip Lim, reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science
Merdeka Scholar
St Hugh's College

Mr Abdur-Rahman Mahmood, reading for a BA in History
Noon Scholar
Trinity College

Ms Irdina Syahirah Mohd Nadziruddin, reading for a DPhil in Clinical Medicine
Merdeka Scholar
Magdalen College

Mr Qi Chwen Ong, reading for a DPhil in Medical Sciences
Merdeka Scholar
Green Templeton College

Mr Imtiaz Rahman, reading for a MChem in Chemistry
Easa Saleh Al Gurg Scholar
Hertford College

Mr Yusuf Tayara, DPhil in History
Noon Scholar
Wolfson College

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR THE COMING YEAR

The following graduate scholarships have been awarded for students beginning their studies in academic year 2026–27:

Ms Anis Farhana binti Amran, reading for an MSc in Sociology
Merdeka Scholar
Lady Margaret Hall

Mr Muhammad Hakim bin Jaafar, reading for an MSt in Diplomatic Studies
Merdeka Scholar
St Antony's College

Miss Nithyialakshmi Ravindran, reading for a DPhil in Materials
Merdeka Scholar
St Catherine's College

Dr Madiyarasi Vengidasan, reading for an MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine
Merdeka Scholar
St Hilda's College

Two undergraduate scholarships have so far been awarded to students commencing their studies in the academic year 2026–27, subject to satisfactory exam results:

Mr Adam Jalal, reading for a BA in PPE
Keble College

Ms Maryam Zihar, reading for a BA in History & English
Pembroke College

EXHIBITIONERS

The following exhibitioners were in residence at the Centre in 2025–26:

Mr Motasem Abuzaid, reading for a DPhil in Politics
St Antony's College

Ms Bana Alamad, reading for a DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
New College

Ms Salma Ali, reading for a DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
Jesus College

Mr Thareq Barasabha, reading for a DPhil in Psychiatry
St Cross College

Ms Gizem Dik, reading for an MSt in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Mansfield College

Ms Sawsan El Zahr, reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science
Somerville College

Mr Ahmed El-Wakil, reading for a DPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Regent's Park College

Mr Md Abir Hasan, reading for a DPhil in International Development
Wolfson College

Mr Ali Ahmed Khan, reading for an MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies
Mansfield College

Ms Mariam Hibah Khayata, reading for an MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies
St Antony's College

Mr Kareem Mohamed, reading for a DPhil in Primary Health Care
Green Templeton College

Mr Irfan Sarhindi, reading for a DPhil in Education
Lady Margaret Hall

Mr Faissal Sharif, reading for a DPhil in Clinical Sciences
St Cross College

Mr Ahmed Azim Wazeer, reading for a DPhil in Politics
St Antony's College

Mr Jacob Williams, reading for a DPhil in Politics
Green Templeton College

Mr Muhammad Zeyn, reading for a DPhil in Migration Studies
Somerville College

The following Exhibitioners will continue for 2026–27:

Mr Motasem Abuzaid, reading for a DPhil in Politics
St Antony's College

Ms Bana Alamad, reading for a DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
New College

Ms Salma Ali, reading for a DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
Jesus College

Mr Thareq Barasabha, reading for a DPhil in Psychiatry
St Cross College

Mr Ahmed El-Wakil, reading for a DPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Regent's Park College

Mr Faissal Sharif, reading for a DPhil in Clinical Sciences
St Cross College

Mr Ahmed Azim Wazeer, reading for a DPhil in Politics
St Antony's College

Mr Muhammad Zeyn, reading for a DPhil in Migration Studies
Somerville College

Mr Kareem Mohamed, reading for a DPhil in Primary Health Care
Green Templeton College

The following Exhibitions have to date been awarded for 2026–27:

Ms Al-Kauther Nour Alhusainy, reading for a DPhil in Law
Green Templeton College

Mr Hussein Yasser Bachacha, reading for a DPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Somerville College

Ms Beata Corcoran, reading for a DPhil in Migration Studies
St Antony's College

Ms Elif Dinc, reading for an MPhil in Development Studies
Pembroke College

Ms Kayla Fraser, reading for a DPhil in Geography and the Environment
Oriel College

Mr Ariananda Hariadi, reading for a DPhil in Women's and Reproductive Health
St Catherine's College

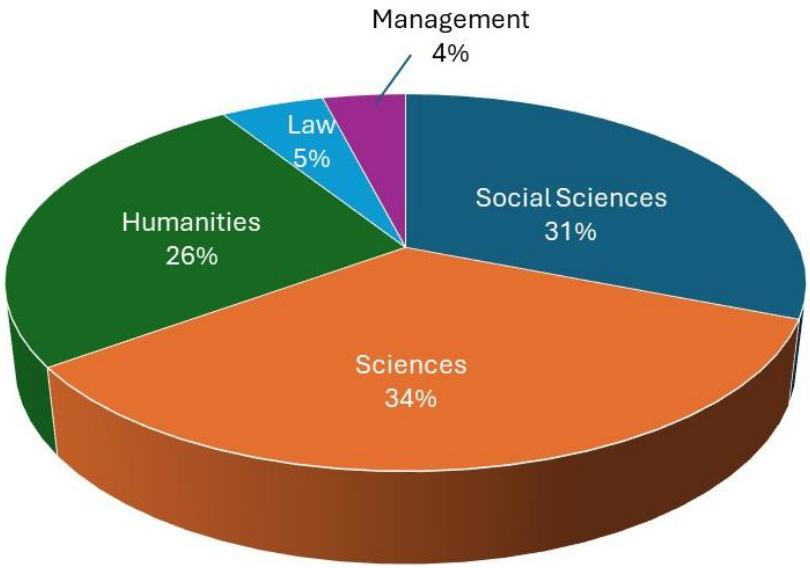
Ms Anna Lebedeva, Diplomatic Studies Programme
St Antony's College

Ms Khansa Maria, reading for a DPhil in Education
Jesus College

Mr Daniel Miller, reading for a DPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
St Antony's College

Mr Mounir El Skafi, reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science
Somerville College

Mr Irfan Suleman, reading for a Masters in Public Policy (MPP)
Green Templeton College



A chart showing subject areas of Centre Scholars and Exhibitioners 2025–26 and 2026–27

GRADUATE COLLOQUIA

Besides providing mentoring and support to its Scholars and Exhibitioners, the Centre organises regular graduate colloquia designed to encourage students reading for degrees at the University of Oxford to share their ideas and research with colleagues.

During Michaelmas Term, the following presentations were made at the Colloquium:

Mr Yaseen Andrewsen, Pembroke College, reading for a DPhil in Theology & Religion
'Beyond Marabouts: Sufi Authority, *al-Mukhtār al-Kuntī*, and Islamic Intellectual History in West Africa'

Ms Bana Alamad, New College, Centre Exhibitioner, reading for a DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
'Investigating the Genetics of Variation in the Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination'

Ms Leah Sternefeld, St Hilda's College, reading for a DPhil in General Linguistics
'From "What" to "Why": Explaining Variation in Arabic Dialectology'

Mr Ahmet Tarik Çaşkurlu, King's College London, reading for a PhD in Defence Studies
'Lessons Learned of the Korean War (1950–53) for NATO's European Allies'

Mr Jacob Williams, Green Templeton College, Centre Exhibitioner, reading for a DPhil in Politics
'Can a Liberal State Support Religion?'

During Hilary Term, the following presentations were made at the Colloquium:

Mr Mohammed Amaan Asim, St Antony's College, reading for an MPhil in Development Studies
'Muslims and the Kerala Model of Development: Remittances, Representation and Social Organizations'

Mr Ali Ahmad Khan, Mansfield College, Centre Exhibitioner, reading for an MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies
'Visions of Hindustan: Understanding Ubaidullah Sindhi's Political Thought'

Mr Utsa Bose, Somerville College, reading for a DPhil in History
'Pandemic Pasts: The Case of the Plague in Calcutta 1890–1920'

Ms Zainaab Basil, Kellogg College, reading for an MPhil in Development Studies
'Solar Grids, Social Shifts: The Political Economy of the Solar Power Revolution in Pakistan'

Chapter Ten

THE YOUNG MUSLIM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Young Muslim Leadership Programme contributes to British public life. Established with the support of the then Prince's Charities, the annual residential programme brings young British Muslims with demonstrated leadership potential into direct conversation with the institutions, responsibilities, and ethical demands of public service. Its primary purpose is to encourage informed participation in the civic, professional, and cultural life of the United Kingdom.

The Programme draws participants from fields including local and national government, law, medicine, business, media, academia, the voluntary sector, and the arts. Through seminars, workshops, visits to national institutions, and sustained engagement with senior figures from public life, participants are encouraged to reflect on leadership as a form of service, on the responsibilities of citizenship, and on the place of Muslim communities within a diverse society. The growing alumni network has become an important extension of this work, connecting successive cohorts and supporting continuing engagement beyond the residential course.

The twentieth Young Muslim Leadership Programme took place from 19 to 27 July 2025. Three government departments (FCDO, MOD and DEFRA) supported individual participants. The anniversary year gave particular prominence to the Programme's long-term contribution, bringing together a new cohort from a wide range of professional backgrounds while also marking the achievements of more than 400 alumni who have gone on to contribute across education, law, politics, charity, the arts, and other areas of public life.

The 2025 Programme combined institutional visits with seminars and discussions led by contributors from politics, law, academia, journalism, public service, business, and community leadership. Speakers included Professor Rashid Naim, The Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan KCMG, Professor Sir Aziz Sheikh, Professor Alison Scott-Baumann, The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP, Kawsar Zaman, The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve KC, Sir Martin Donnelly, Lord Leggatt PC, The Rt Hon Anneliese Dodds, Lord Wajid Khan of Burnley, and Iqbal Khan.

Specialist sessions considered leadership in Prophetic traditions, ethics and values in professional life, Islamic enterprise, Islamic art, and values-based leadership, with contributions including those of Lucy Bushill-Matthews, Jeffery Beere, Junaid Wahedna, Professor Robert Hillenbrand, Dr Afifi Al-Akiti, and Dr Basil Mustafa.

A visit to Parliament and the Supreme Court gave participants direct exposure to national institutions and to leadership in action.

The following participants successfully completed the 2025 Programme:

Miss Sophia Agha, Mr Zayn Ahmed, Miss Farheen Ahmed, Mr Abdullah Ajmal, Miss Hanna Alam, Mr Shaheer Ali, Miss Hannah Ali, Mr Rizwan Alvi, Miss Amina Begum, Ms Surraya Chowdhury, Mr Rehaan Farrukh, Ms Aisha Kasmani, Miss Sumaiyah Kola, Mr Zain Mahmood, Miss Anisa Mahmood, Dr Lukon Miah, Mr Zakaria Mohammed, Miss Samaira Saleem, Mr Shahinoor Shumon, Mr Ibrahim Zulfiqar.

On 26 July 2025, the Centre marked the twentieth anniversary of the Programme with a garden reception attended by more than 80 alumni and guests in the King Charles III Garden. Dame Ann Limb DBE, DL, Chair of Trustees of The King's Foundation, delivered the keynote address, emphasising the importance of self-belief, humility, and community engagement in leadership. The occasion brought together past and present participants and underlined the Programme's role in sustaining a network of British Muslim leaders committed to public service.

Chapter Eleven

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Centre continued to sustain and extend its network of national and international relationships during the year under review. Its fortieth anniversary provided a particularly important occasion for renewing long-standing friendships and for presenting the Centre's current work to partners, supporters, academic colleagues, public figures and representatives of diplomatic missions. Alongside the anniversary programme, the Centre's lectures, roundtables, visiting fellowships, research collaborations and cultural activities continued to provide regular points of contact with institutions in the United Kingdom and overseas.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

The Centre received diplomatic representatives from a wide range of countries during the year, reflecting the breadth of its international engagement. These included, amongst others, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Türkiye, UAE and Uzbekistan.

Diplomatic engagement was closely linked to the Centre's academic and cultural programme. The High Commissioner of Pakistan, HE Dr Mohammed Faisal, presented to the Centre a copper and bronze sculpture by Amin Gulgee, a rendering in three-dimensional *naskh* script of the Qur'anic verse 'He taught humanity what they knew not' (Q. 96:5) – an apt gift to the Centre as an institution of learning and cultural exchange.

Representatives of the diplomatic community also attended the Centre's fortieth anniversary celebrations and other events during the year. Their participation reflected the Centre's continuing role as a meeting place for scholarly, cultural and diplomatic conversation.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITH OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS

The Centre continued to develop academic contacts with overseas institutions through its research programmes, lectures, roundtables and visiting fellowships. The Visiting Fellowships programme remained one of the principal means by which scholars from different countries joined the Centre's academic community for periods of research and exchange.

The expansion of the Chevening Visiting Fellowships scheme from four to six places strengthened the Centre's collaboration with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and broadened opportunities for researchers to spend time at Oxford.

The Centre's collaboration with institutions in Algeria was strengthened through the launch of the Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi Programme in June 2026. It honours the legacy of a greatly admired figure through the naming of a permanent fellowship and a visiting fellowship. The agreement was signed by HE Professor Kamel Baddari, Minister of Higher Education in the presence of HE Cheikh Mohamed Maamoun Al Kacimi Al Hassani. The launch was accompanied by the inauguration of the Algiers Room at the Centre, by panel presentations on themes relevant to the Programme (see Chapter Five), and a cultural exhibition organised by the Algerian Embassy (see Chapter Fifteen).

The Centre's work in Islamic art and material culture generated new international links (see Chapter Fifteen). The *Lines of Faith: Astronomy and the Art of the Astrolabe in the Islamic World* exhibition was enhanced by the addition of rare scientific manuscripts from the Qatar National Library. From February 2026, the exhibition *The Ultimate Journey* was presented in the Centre's Gallery from the collections of Dar Layan Culture, Saudi Arabia. The exhibition brought together contemporary artworks depicting the three holy sites of Islam and was shown in the United Kingdom for the first time. Preparations have continued for a future exhibition on Timurid manuscripts and objects in collaboration with the Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation.

Chapter Twelve

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Centre continued to promote dialogue and mutual understanding through its public, educational, civic and community-facing activities. The year was shaped in particular by the fortieth anniversary, which brought together members of the University, local communities, diplomatic and interfaith representatives, alumni, students and friends of the Centre. The Mosque, Library, Exhibition Gallery, and gardens provided the setting for wider public engagement.

OUTREACH TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The King Charles III Garden was open to the public on Tuesday afternoons. In September the Centre participated in the Open Doors event organised by the Oxford Preservation Trust, welcoming visitors into the Centre's buildings and gardens.

The Centre's exhibitions provided additional opportunities for outreach (see Chapter Fifteen). They provided a setting in which to discuss faith, identity and interfaith understanding. Lectures, book launches, conferences and roundtables were open to wider audiences as appropriate. They brought together scholars, policymakers, public figures, students and the wider community in discussion of themes ranging from multilateralism to moral responsibility, public life, climate, health, and Islamic art.

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS

Educational outreach to schools expanded significantly under Mrs Caroline O'Connor's leadership. Primary and secondary pupils were introduced to Islamic belief, practice, culture and architecture through visits to the Centre's Mosque and buildings, thereby enhancing their out-of-classroom learning experiences. Nearly 200 school visits have been completed to date. Mrs O'Connor continued to receive strongly positive feedback from visiting schools.

The programme was strengthened by the Centre's exhibitions, especially *The Ultimate Journey*, which enabled pupils to connect discussion of Islamic worship and sacred geography with contemporary artistic expression. The Centre's fortieth anniversary visit by His Majesty King Charles III also reflected this work: after addressing guests in the Malaysia Auditorium, His Majesty was greeted by local schoolchildren from schools with which the Centre has worked through visits to the Mosque and Exhibition Gallery.

The Mosque also continued to host sessions for trainee teachers from the University's Department of Education. These visits offered first-hand experience of a Muslim place of worship and supported the preparation of those teaching Religious Education, Philosophy and related subjects in schools.

OUTREACH TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

The Centre's Mosque continued to serve Centre members, residents, students and the wider Muslim community in Oxford. It remained open for the five daily prayers, and Friday congregational prayers regularly attracted a large and diverse congregation. Ramadan prayers were exceptionally well attended, and the Eid al-Fitr congregation filled the Mosque and adjoining spaces. The Mosque team worked with the Bursary and Oxfordshire County Council to support the smooth management of services and to maintain a welcoming environment.

Alongside worship, the Mosque sustained its programme of teaching and pastoral support. The long-running Qur'anic Arabic course and the introductory course in Qur'anic recitation continued to attract regular attendance, while the modular course on Essentials of Islamic Worship was also well received. As a member of the University's Chaplaincy Forum, Imam Ibrahim Mohammad Amin continued to contribute to discussions on student welfare and religious life across the collegiate University, and to support students and student groups through tours, discussions and pastoral engagement.

CIVIC, PARLIAMENTARY AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

The Centre continued to engage with public life through contact with parliamentarians, civic leaders and policymakers. Members of both Houses of Parliament contributed to lectures, conferences and the Young Muslim Leadership Programme. Participants in the Programme heard from public figures and legal practitioners and visited Parliament and the Supreme Court, strengthening the Programme's emphasis on informed participation in British civic life.

The Centre welcomed senior public figures during the year. Local civic engagement continued through the Mosque, gardens, exhibitions, and visits by community groups. The Centre's academic and public programmes on faith, ethics, climate, human dignity and public responsibility made it accessible to a wider audience.

Interfaith and multifaith dialogue remained an important part of the Centre's outreach. During the fortieth anniversary reception, His Majesty King Charles III met guests from a range of communities, including interfaith representatives from the University and beyond. The anniversary also underlined the Centre's founding purpose as a meeting point between Islamic and Western worlds of learning, grounded in scholarship, dialogue and mutual respect.

The Centre also hosted the workshop 'From Interfaith Dialogue to Multifaith Engagement: A Strategic Partnership to Transform Interfaith Dialogue' from 8 to 10 June 2026. It brought together participants from different faith traditions and institutions to consider practical frameworks for moving from dialogue to cooperation, with attention to religious literacy, humanitarian action, peacebuilding and human flourishing.

Through these activities, the Centre continued to combine scholarship, public engagement and institutional hospitality in ways that support its wider charitable purpose: promoting informed understanding of Islam and Muslim societies, and encouraging dialogue across communities and traditions.

Chapter Thirteen

THE MOSQUE

The Mosque remains a focal point of religious life at the Centre, welcoming residents, students, and members of the public for the daily prayers. Friday prayers regularly attract a large and diverse congregation, often filling the Mosque to capacity. Attendance has continued to grow steadily during the year, reflecting both the expanding residential community at the Centre and the increasing number of regular worshippers from across Oxford.

The Mosque's activities are supported by a dedicated team. Imam Ibrahim Mohammad Amin leads the daily prayers and directs the overall religious and pastoral life of the Mosque, supported by Imam Muhammad Sahil in his role as Mosque Assistant. Strategic oversight is provided by the Mosque Committee, which meets quarterly to review operations and future planning. This structure helps to sustain the Mosque's religious, educational and pastoral work while ensuring that practical arrangements keep pace with the growth in attendance.

During Ramadan, the Centre maintained its long-standing practice of inviting distinguished reciters of the Qur'an to assist the Imam in leading *tarawih* prayers. This year, Qari Adib Farhan Baharudin, from Sultan Idris Education University's programme in *Tahfiz al-Qur'an and Qira'at with Education*, joined the Centre for the month. Prayers were exceptionally well attended throughout the month, drawing worshippers from Oxford and beyond. The Eid al-Fitr congregation filled the Mosque and adjoining spaces, and the Mosque team worked closely with the Bursary and Oxfordshire County Council to ensure the smooth provision of services and maintain a welcoming atmosphere throughout Ramadan and the Eid prayers.

The Mosque's educational programme continued to flourish and attract strong interest. The long-running Qur'anic Arabic course and the introductory course in Qur'anic recitation were well-subscribed and attended. The modular course on *Essentials of Islamic Worship* has also been particularly well received. It provides practical guidance on purification, prayer, fasting, zakat, and pilgrimage, and reflects the Mosque's wider role in supporting accessible religious learning for Centre members, students and the local community. All courses were taught by Imam Muhammad Sahil.

Educational outreach to schools has expanded significantly during the year, with nearly 200 school visits now completed since the inception of the programme. Led by Mrs Caroline O'Connor, whose background in school leadership has strengthened the initiative, the programme received highly positive feedback from visiting schools. This year's visits were further enriched by the Centre's exhibition, *The Ultimate Journey*, featuring contemporary art centred on the Three Holy Mosques in Islam. It created valuable opportunities for students to engage in wider conversations around faith, identity, and interfaith understanding.

Alongside his responsibilities in the Mosque, Imam Ibrahim remained engaged in wider University outreach and access initiatives, particularly those encouraging applications from students of disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds to read at Oxford. He regularly hosted tours for prospective applicants and their families, and led interactive sessions for trainee teachers at the University's Department of Education. These sessions gave future teachers first-hand experience of a Muslim place of worship and supported their preparation for teaching Religious Education, Philosophy and related subjects.

As a member of the University's Chaplaincy Forum, Imam Ibrahim contributed to discussions on student welfare and religious life across the collegiate University, and led tours, discussions, and collaborative events with chaplaincy colleagues and student groups.

The Mosque welcomed local residents, visitors, and community groups for guided visits and discussions, supporting the Centre's wider commitment to public engagement, dialogue, and greater understanding of Islamic belief, practice and culture.

Chapter Fourteen

THE LIBRARY

The Kuwait Library continued to grow during 2025–26, with progress across collections, readership, cataloguing, preservation and digital infrastructure. The year saw further consolidation of private collections, renewed attention to acquisitions policy, and closer collaboration with partners within Oxford and overseas.

THE COLLECTION

During the year, 2,885 books were catalogued, bringing the Library's collection to 56,063 items. More than sixty percent of these are unique to the Centre and are not available elsewhere in Oxford. The collection now includes 20,301 items in Arabic, 20,213 in English, 9,742 in Urdu and 2,128 in Persian. They are organised thematically according to the Library of Congress classification system and are housed in a designated section of the Special Collections Room.

Private collections constitute a substantial part of the Library's holdings. The Professor K. A. Nizami Collection, comprising 11,235 items, is fully searchable on SOLO, the University's online catalogue. Cataloguing of the Shaikh 'Abd al-Fattah Abu Ghuddah Collection has continued, with 7,591 items catalogued to date. Both collections are housed as discrete collections in the Special Collections Room, and catalogued items are available to readers upon request. Particular attention is being given to the many handwritten notes accompanying the Abu Ghuddah collection, which are now being separately listed and annotated.

The Library also received a donation of books from the Dar Layan Foundation, Saudi Arabia, marking the cooperation between the two institutions in connection with *The Ultimate Journey* exhibition. The donation included material on *furusiyya*, Islamic calligraphy, and the history, art and archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula.

STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT

The Library's work was overseen by a Management Committee and an Acquisitions Committee. Dr Moin Nizami continued as Fellow Librarian and Fellow Archivist.

Ms Wassilena Sekulova continued as the Centre's Librarian. She managed the Library and focused on the Special Collections digitisation project. In March 2026, Ms Joanna Mopert (formerly at the Bodleian Library) joined as the Assistant Librarian. A trained cataloguer with knowledge of European languages, she supports the Librarian and oversees the cataloguing programme. Dr Mohammad Emami has been assisting with the cataloguing of manuscripts. Dr Nouri Mohamed, Library Assistant, had primary responsibility for cataloguing of the Arabic collections. Mr Huzaifah Ismail, Library Assistant, continued as the principal cataloguer for the

Shaikh ‘Abd al-Fattah Abu Ghuddah Collection, including its associated ephemera.

CATALOGUING, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND DIGITISATION

Alongside the continuing work on the Abu Ghuddah Collection, cataloguing of the Paul Bergne Collection began during the year. The collection contains material on the history, art and languages of the Islamic world, with a particular focus on Central Asia. A de-duplication exercise was undertaken to make better use of the space.

A grant from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences supported the preservation of the Library’s Special Collections. The grant will assist the cataloguing and detailed description of the Library’s manuscript and private papers holdings, as well as their digitisation.

A dedicated Digitisation Room has been established near the Special Collections Room, allowing rare and fragile material to be handled safely. Library staff have completed specialist instruction from the equipment suppliers and practical training led by Mr John Barrett (Head of Imaging Services at the Bodleian Libraries). Discussions with colleagues at Digital Bodleian have helped align metadata standards, image-quality parameters and workflows. To address the growing preservation and conservation needs of the Special Collections, particularly in preparation for digitisation, the Library extended its membership of the Oxford Conservation Consortium.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND READERS

The Manuscript Room, known as the Timbuktu Room, houses 360 Persian and Arabic manuscripts belonging to the Nizami Collection, together with six boxes of Arabic manuscripts from the Abu Ghuddah Collection that remain to be processed. The Library’s digital manuscript collection, donated by Professor Abdullah Al-Ghunaim through a series of gifts and comprising digitised manuscripts from libraries around the world, has grown to more than 8,000 items. The digital manuscripts are stored on a dedicated computer in the Timbuktu Room and are available for consultation by prior appointment.

The Nizami Collection includes 260 coins. An initial identification of the coins and a handlist of the collection have been completed in cooperation with the Ashmolean Museum. The Special Collections Reading Room has been equipped with reading spaces and will open to researchers as a third reading room once cataloguing of the Special Collections has been completed.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND OUTREACH

The Librarian joined the working group of FIHRIST, the UK union catalogue for Islamic manuscripts, which is responsible for developing and implementing TEI cataloguing standards across manuscript collections nationwide. Participation in the group will inform the codicological work undertaken on the Centre’s manuscript collection and complement the Library’s broader digitisation efforts.

The Library also hosted study visits by librarians from Oxford Health Library Services and Wadham College, providing opportunities to introduce the Library's holdings and operations, exchange best practice and explore potential areas of collaboration.

The annual Library Lecture took place on 3 June 2026. Dr Stella Panayotova (Royal Librarian and Deputy Keeper of the Royal Archives) spoke on 'Islamic Manuscripts in the Royal Library'.

Chapter Fifteen

THE EXHIBITION GALLERY

During the year under review the Exhibition Gallery became an important part of the Centre's academic, cultural and public-facing work. It formed institutional partnerships and welcomed wider audiences interested in the history of science, sacred geography, Islamic art, cultural memory, and knowledge exchange. Three exhibitions were organised: *Lines of Faith: Astronomy and the Art of the Astrolabe in the Islamic World*, *The Ultimate Journey*, and an *Exhibition of Algerian Paintings, Clothes and Handicrafts* associated with the launch of the Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi Programme.

These exhibitions opened up possibilities for research collaboration, public outreach, school engagement and international partnerships.

LINES OF FAITH: ASTRONOMY AND THE ART OF THE ASTROLABE

The exhibition *Lines of Faith: Astronomy and the Art of the Astrolabe in the Islamic World*, organised in partnership with the History of Science Museum, University of Oxford, concluded in Michaelmas Term. It facilitated public engagement with the history of science in the Islamic world and with the relationship between scientific practice, religious life and artistic craftsmanship.

Curated by Dr Stephen Johnston and Dr Afifi Al-Akiti, the exhibition included graphics, video projection, visual material, and an interactive hands-on device.

The astrolabe, first devised in the ancient Mediterranean and transformed in the Islamic world, served for more than a millennium as a tool for understanding time, space and the heavens. Adapted for determining prayer times and made into objects of beauty, astrolabes brought together mathematics, astronomy, craft, devotion and design. The exhibition displayed astrolabes from different parts of the Islamic world, including disassembled examples so that visitors could better understand how the instruments were made and used.

Four rare manuscripts from Qatar National Library further enriched the exhibition. They illustrated the production, transmission and application of astronomical knowledge, and included a previously unknown North African copy of Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi's *Book on the Astrolabe* and illustrated folios from a fifteenth-century copy of *Fifty Chapters for the Sultan* by Rukn al-Din al-Husayn al-Amuli, composed for Sultan Baysunghur of Herat. These manuscripts provided an important contextual narrative to the astrolabes on display, situating them within a broader tradition of technical writing, visual explanation and scholarly transmission.

The exhibition's public programme included a study day on 'Ingenuity and Beauty' led by Dr Taha Yasin Arslan (Medeniyet University, Istanbul); Dr Stephen Johnston; and Dr Silke Ackermann (History of Science Museum). It included sessions on the historical metalworking techniques and the assembly and use of modern astrolabes.

THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY

The Gallery hosted *The Ultimate Journey*, an exhibition of contemporary artworks depicting the three holy sites of Islam: the Grand Mosque in Makkah, the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah and the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Presented from the collections of Dar Layan Culture, Saudi Arabia, the exhibition was shown in the United Kingdom for the first time. It brought together thirty-six works by international artists, including Dia Aziz Dia, Reem Nazir, Peter Gould, Raeda Ashour and Bill West, among others. Mrs Ghada AlTobaishi, Mr Mohamed Al Idrisi, Dr Veronika Poier and Dr Maria Shmygol worked on ensuring the success of the project.

The works on display included paintings, prints, mixed media, calligraphy and ceramic tiles, and represented both traditional and modern styles, including abstract art. This variety of artforms provided an inkling into how different creative approaches can give visual form to the historical, cultural and spiritual significance of the Three Holy Mosques. It placed contemporary artistic expression in conversation with pilgrimage, sacred geography and the historical memory of Muslim communities from different parts of the world.

The exhibition was inaugurated by HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, Chairman of the Centre's Board of Trustees, and HH Prince Faissal bin Abdullah, Chairman of Dar Layan's Board of Trustees. The ceremony included presentations by Mr Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens), Professor Robert Hillenbrand and Dr Saad Al-Rashid. The exhibition was dedicated to HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Governor of Makkah and poet, artist and alumnus of the University of Oxford.

The exhibition created opportunities for discussion of faith, identity and interfaith understanding. It provided an engagement with Islamic art and sacred history for scholars, students, school children and the general public. A donation of books from the Dar Layan Foundation to the Centre's Kuwait Library consisted of material on *furusiyya*, Islamic calligraphy, and the history of art and archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula.

THE EXHIBITION OF ALGERIAN PAINTINGS, CLOTHES AND HANDICRAFTS

The launch of the Emir Abdelkader Al Jazairi Programme in June 2026 included a cultural exhibition organised by the Algerian Embassy. The Programme honours the legacy of the nineteenth-century Algerian Islamic scholar, Sufi leader and statesman, associated with justice, compassion, peace and the protection of different faith communities. It creates a new pathway for the study of north Africa at the Centre.

The two-day launch culminated with a cultural exhibition of Algerian handicrafts, costumes, cultural objects and culinary traditions. It complemented the academic programme (see Chapter Five) with a vivid encounter with Algerian cultural heritage.

Chapter Sixteen

THE GARDENS

The Gardens are an important element of the Centre's educational and public outreach.

The *King Charles III Garden*, designed in the Islamic garden tradition, comprises the *Rose Garden*, the *Banked Knot Garden* and a central *Wildflower Meadow*, all overlooked from a raised viewing platform. Around the Centre's buildings are the *Trustees'* and *Fellows' Gardens*, together with planted courtyards including the *Yemen*, *Istanbul* and *King Fahd Courtyards*. The *Pergola Roof Garden* also remained part of the continuing programme of maintenance and refurbishment.

GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Southern Ramp, which forms the gateway to the formal gardens, showed the benefit of recent planting as the beds on either side matured into softer walls of texture and colour. The planting is flanked by an English oak (*Quercus robur*) on one side and a Pride of India tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*) on the other, with perennials and structural planting set against the hand-carved stone fencing. Over the winter, weaker yew (*Taxus baccata*) hedge plants affected by poor drainage were removed, the clay soil was replaced with free-draining loam, and new plants were installed. This marked the first stage of a rolling programme to renew affected parts of the hedge.

Considerable work was also undertaken in preparation for the 2026 season in the King Charles III Garden. The barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) squares of the *Banked Knot Garden* were cut back severely, following the successful use of Japanese euonymus (*Euonymus japonica*) and box honeysuckle (*Lonicera nitida*) to replace failed box (*Buxus sempervirens*) hedging. The large oak-leaved hydrangeas (*Hydrangea quercifolia*) in the *Western Border* were trimmed back to reveal the spring planting beneath, while the *Daphne Garden* made a strong impression in early spring through both flower and scent.

The *Wildflower Meadow* remained full of interest, although the balance of species has changed markedly since the original planting and has become more difficult to manage. The area is therefore expected to be cleared during the coming winter, with a more suitable soil base put down and a revised mix of wildflower plantlets introduced. The intention is to preserve the character of the original planting while reducing the dominance of species that have spread too vigorously. The meadow, together with planting in the *Trustees'* and *Fellows' Gardens*, continued to attract a wide range of pollinators and reinforced the role of the Gardens as a haven for wildlife.

The Trustees' Garden also developed well during the year. The new espalier apple (*Malus* sp.)

flowered impressively for a young tree, and the ornamental pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Chanticleer') planted by the Centre's Trustees in summer 2025 came through the winter successfully. The 'Olympic Flame' rowan (*Sorbus ulleungensis*), planted by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford in the *Western Border* of the *King Charles III Garden*, also continued to establish itself and should provide increasingly strong autumn colour as it matures.

In the Fellows' Garden, substantial winter work was rewarded by strong spring growth. Hellebores (*Helleborus foetidus*) and flowering quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*) on the West Wall were especially effective in March and April, while the return of fern fronds remained one of the characteristic signs of the garden's spring development. Later in the season, the Lady Banks' rose (*Rosa banksiae*) growing against the East Wall flowered well and brought a subtle scent to the garden.

Planting around the *King Charles III Wing* was further consolidated during the year. Wiring of the walls was completed, enabling climbers in the planters to be spread across the brickwork to create a green-wall effect. A final planter is expected to be installed over the summer, with automatic watering and planting to match the adjacent scheme.

On the North Ramp, the University Parks team improved the large brick planters lining the drive, adding climbers to the walls and introducing grasses and *Hibiscus* species. Ornamental stone planters originally intended for the *Pergola Roof Garden* were relocated to the south side of the Ramp, where they now sit well with the stonework of the main building and have been planted with decorative acers and red geraniums.

MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The scale and complexity of the Centre's Gardens require an ongoing programme of maintenance and renewal. During the summer, work was required on paved surfaces in the *Pergola Roof Garden* and the *King Fahd Courtyard*, limiting access to those areas until later in the year. Such work formed part of the wider effort to preserve the quality of the Gardens while adapting planting and infrastructure to changing conditions.

The Gardens remained under the care of the Garden Master, Professor Hugh Dickinson. During the year, Professor Stephen Harris, Druce Curator (Herbaria), Associate Professor in Plant Sciences, and a member of Christ Church, was appointed to succeed him as Garden Master. The Gardens Team continued to receive support from the University Parks Department.

VISITS AND OPEN DAYS

The Gardens remained an important point of contact between the Centre and the wider public. Members of the public were able to visit the King Charles III Garden on Tuesday afternoons during the opening season, and the Centre again participated in the Open Doors event in September, when the grounds were opened to visitors. Guided tours were also arranged for interested groups by the Garden Master and colleagues, including a recent visit by gardeners from Oxford colleges.

Chapter Seventeen

GOVERNANCE OF THE CENTRE

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THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

The Academic Committee reviews all aspects of the academic work of the Centre, as determined by the Board of Trustees, and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees. It is chaired by Rt Hon Dominic Grieve KC.

The 43rd meeting of the Committee was held in Oxford on 4 February 2026.

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The Finance and Investment Committee reviews all aspects of the Centre's finance and investments, and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees. It is chaired by HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman.

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Chapter Eighteen

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