

Birmingham Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies



The Birmingham Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies specialises in Islam as a spiritual and historical reality, and the contemporary Middle East. As the successor to the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Selly Oak, it draws on long experience that stretches back to the 1920's with the establishment of a lectureship in Islamic Studies and the founding of the **[Mingana Collection of Middle Eastern Manuscripts](http://vmr.bham.ac.uk/Collections/Mingana/)** (<http://vmr.bham.ac.uk/Collections/Mingana/>).

The Centre aims to provide a world-class research and learning experience, with critical understanding and appreciation of both Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. As a multi-disciplinary Centre, it offers a wide range of subject areas, including Islamic Texts, Islam in the Contemporary World, Islamic Spirituality, Classical and Modern thought, Women in Islam, Christian-Muslim Relations and

the Politics, History and Culture of the Middle East.

The Centre is located in the **School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion** (</schools/ptr/index.aspx>) at the University of Birmingham, which is regarded as one of the multi-culture and multi-faith city in the UK. The City is close to some important cities such as the capital London as well as other important historical cities such as Cambridge and Oxford. Within the University the Centre benefits from close connections with other schools and departments that have expertise in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. In addition, each year the Centre welcomes a number of visiting research scholars, reflecting the learning and research activities that are at its heart. The Centre aims to enrich student experience by forging links with centers with similar interests across the UK and throughout the world.

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