



## Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

*“What I remember most from my MPhil experience were the fantastic supervisions. I would go in excited about my research and what I could write, but somewhat muddled with lots of loose ends. My supervisor and advisor would help me to work through the problems I had. They didn’t give me the answer but we had a useful exchange so that I could work it out for myself.”*

**Philip Rushworth**  
PhD, Hospitality and Citizenship  
among Syrian refugees in Germany

The Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies is a vibrant intellectual environment with an international reputation. Our research is unique in its breadth, covering pre-modern topics as well as contemporary East Asian and Middle Eastern studies and global challenges.

As an MPhil student, you will join one of the Faculty’s research groups. These give you an opportunity to work alongside staff, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars. We put on an exciting programme of lectures, and a huge range of relevant academic and cultural events make Cambridge a uniquely stimulating intellectual environment for graduate students.

We offer an MPhil by Advanced Study and an MPhil by Research in East Asian Studies (Chinese and Japanese), Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic, Persian, Hebrew and Semitic) and South Asian Studies (Sanskrit and Pali). The advanced study MPhil comprises three modules assessed by exams or a long essay, plus a 15,000 word dissertation. The research MPhil is assessed by a 25,000 word dissertation.

We place great emphasis on exploring our field through the local languages. As an MPhil student, we expect you to have good reading skills in the language you want to work with. This ensures that you can focus on developing your analytical and research skills to the full.

**Our students have access to excellent resources, many in our target languages. As well as the Faculty and college libraries, the University Library holdings include the Genizah and rich Arabic, Persian, Chinese and Sanskrit manuscript collections. The Aoi Pavilion holds hundreds of original Japanese manuscripts and is one of the best equipped Japanese libraries outside Japan.**

The benefits of our MPhil continue long after dissertation submission. Our graduates have developed a deeper understanding and knowledge of their chosen area, and attained advanced research and writing skills. They are ideally prepared to go on to PhD study at the world’s best universities, including Cambridge, or embark on professional careers in a wide variety of domains throughout the world.



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