

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1196378

Details

Other names BRAIS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-11-03

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROMOTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING ABOUT ISLAM AND MUSLIM CULTURES AND SOCIETIES IN UK HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:(A) PROVIDING A FORUM FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE FOR SCHOLARS WITH AN INTEREST IN ANY ASPECT OF ISLAM AND THE MUSLIM WORLD, PAST AND PRESENT, INCLUDING MUSLIM MINORITY SOCIETIES;(B) THE HOLDING OF CONFERENCES AND EVENTS;(C) THE SUPPORT OF ACCESS TO ARCHIVES AND INFORMATION ABOUT ISLAM AND THE MUSLIM WORLD;(D) THE PURSUIT OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES PROMOTING ISLAMIC STUDIES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE.

Activities: BRAIS encourages and enhances scholarly exchange, co-operation and output by hosting an annual conference for Islamic Studies scholars and students across the UK as well as focused workshops, networking events and prizes. In addition, BRAIS operates a members contact list and social media platforms allowing Islamic Studies specialists to seek advice, support and feedback from their peers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-15	£18,406	£27,143	-	-
2023-11-15	£21,439	£21,964	-	-
2022-11-15	£19,080	£21,207	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Fozia Bora	Chair	2021-11-03
Dr Alyaa Ahmed Ebbiary		2020-12-16
Dr Haroon Ebrahim Sidat		2021-11-03
Dr Jaan Islam		2021-11-03
Dr Usaama Abdullah al-Azami		2019-04-16
Thomas Lea		2020-12-16

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Annual Report

November 2023 – November 2024

Overview

The past year has seen BRAIS deliver another hugely successful Annual Conference at the University of Leeds which attracted a large and diverse cohort of scholars from across the UK and beyond. The Association awarded its annual Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World for the ninth time in 2024, with the winning submission by Dr Raashid S. Goyal offering masterful analysis of 'War and Law in the First Islamic Polity'. 2023/24 proved a slightly more challenging year financially with higher than usual costs incurred in the delivery of the annual conference as well as additional costs borne by BRAIS relating to the Prize. Nonetheless, BRAIS remains in very good financial health, with membership numbers sustaining across the year. We look forward with great anticipation to our 2025 conference which will be hosted by the University of Cambridge, and commit to providing added value to our membership through a variety of additional programmes and initiatives in the year to come. BRAIS continued to express its solidarity for the people of Palestine with a special session at our annual conference reflecting on the continued genocide being committed against Palestinians by the state of Israel.

BRAIS 2024 at the University of Leeds

Having delivered our 2022 and 2023 conferences in Edinburgh and London respectively, it was a pleasure to host BRAIS 2024 in the north of England in the stunning surroundings of Cloth Hall Court, University of Leeds.

The conference featured 31 panels in total, with an additional evening panel reflecting on 'Academic (Un)Freedom in the University' in light of concerning events of the past year in universities across the country as students and staff have responded to the horrors unfolding in Palestine. Our sincere thanks to Professor Salman Sayyid (University of Leeds), Dr Maryam Kashani (University of Illinois) and Dr Sharaiz Chaudhry (University of Edinburgh) who contributed to this important panel.

This year, we were honoured to welcome two exceptional keynote speakers: Professor Tahera Qutbuddin (Abdulaziz Saud AlBabtain Laudian Professor of Arabic at the University of Oxford) opened the conference with a majestic overview of her new book 'Nahj al-Balāghah, The Wisdom and Eloquence of 'Alī', and Professor Stefan Weber (Director of the Pergamon Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin), who brought the conference to a close with a fascinating reflection on the process of refurbishing and remodelling the Berlin Museum's unapparelled Islamic art collection.

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BRAIS would like to offer its sincere thanks to everyone who made the conference such a success. We are particularly indebted to the staff at Cloth Hall Court, University of Leeds, who took such good care of our delegates and helped make our two days in Leeds so memorable.

We are now excited to look ahead to BRAIS 2025, which will be hosted by the University of Cambridge in the historic surroundings of the Old Divinity School, St John's College on Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1 July.

2024 BRAIS Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World

2024 saw the BRAIS Prize go from strength-to-strength with an exceptionally strong body of submissions coming in from across the world. As ever, submissions were reviewed by experts in the field, before a final decision was made by the Prize Committee.

We were delighted to announce that the 2024 BRAIS Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World was awarded to Dr Raashid Goyal (Cornell University) for his submission 'War and Law in the First Islamic Polity: Arabness, Emigration, and the Dhimma of God and His Messenger'. We offer our sincere congratulations to Dr Goyal, and look forward to welcoming him to BRAIS 2025, where he will offer an overview of his thesis as part of our conference programme.

Administering the Prize takes a tremendous amount of work and we would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the Prize Chair, Dr Saeko Yazaki, and the Prize Coordinator, Adam Ramadhan, who worked tirelessly to make sure the process went smoothly. We would also like to thank the Prize Committee for their major contribution to the Prize, as well as all those scholars who kindly agreed to read and review our submissions. The Prize is a true team effort and we really cannot thank everyone enough for their commitment.

BRAIS Trustees Strategy Day: January 2024, University of Leeds

BRIAS Trustees try to meet at least once a year for a full day reflecting on the mission, vision and objectives of BRAIS. This year, Trustees met together at the University of Leeds to reflect on BRAIS's successes, and consider the Association's role in the years to come. The genocide in Palestine was a primary point of discussion, with Trustees agreeing that BRAIS should play more of a role in advocating for academic colleagues in Palestine and take the lead in initiatives which engage Islamic Studies with essential questions of justice, resistance, academic freedom and law in light of the ongoing ethnic cleansing and genocide. We hope to launch a number of initiatives in 2025, and would be very grateful to hear from colleagues who might wish to be involved in BRAIS's work on this issue.

Governance

BRAIS is managed by a team of six Trustees who are appointed via a vote of the membership. The current BRAIS Trustees are as follows:

- Chair: Dr Fozia Bora (University of Leeds)
- Treasurer: Dr Haroon Sidat (Cardiff University)
- Secretary: Mr Thomas Lea (University of Edinburgh)

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- Equality and Diversity Officer: Dr Alyaa Ebbiary (Lancaster University)
- Communications Officer: Dr Usaama Al-Azami (Leiden University)
- Events Officer: Dr Jaan Islam

All Trustees have agreed to continue in their roles into next year, so there will be no vote for new Trustees at the next AGM.

Over the last three years, BRAIS has received essential support from Dr Sharaiz Chaudhry who has been working parttime as BRAIS’s Project Coordinator. Sharaiz has brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role, helping us deliver three exceptional conferences, and becoming a core part of the team since taking up the role. Sharaiz recently passed his viva and accepted a new fulltime role with ‘Friends of Al-Aqsa’. He therefore decided to step down from his role at BRAIS in order to focus on this essential new role. Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Sharaiz for everything he has done during his time with us and we wish him all the very best in the next chapter of his career.

BRAIS Council

BRAIS Trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to the BRAIS Council who have continued to offer essential advice and support over the past year. We are delighted that Professor Sarah Savant (Aga Khan University) has agreed to join our Council, pending ratification at our AGM on 14 January.

Membership

The success of our 2023 Annual Conference meant that we saw a rise in memberships across the year which is very positive. Current membership numbers are as follows:

Full Members	105
Associate Members	66
Student Members	122
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BRAIS Trustees would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to all members for their consistent support of the Association over the course of the last year. We look forward to working hard on your behalf in the years to come.

Finance

As noted above, 2023/24 was a challenging financial year for BRAIS, with our conference costing significantly more than it has in previous years. BRAIS also paid the prize fund to both the 2023 and 2024 BRAIS Prize winners in this financial year, which meant that our payments significantly surpassed our receipts across the year. Luckily, BRAIS has been prudent over the last decade and we therefore continue to hold a large surplus which we aim to build back over the course of the next financial year. Cash reserves are as follows, with a full Statement of Accounts circulated ahead of our AGM:

Cash reserves as of 16 November 2023: £31,666

Cash reserves as of 15 November 2024: £22,928

Report compiled by Thomas Lea, Secretary of the British Association for Islamic Studies.



Thomas Lea
December 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 16/11/2023	To	Period end date 15/11/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	4,855	-	-	4,855	
2022 Conference delegate fees	11,300	-	-	11,300	
2022 Conferenece Publisher Exhibition income	2,250	-	-	2,250	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,405	-	-	18,405	21,439
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	18,405	-	-	18,405	21,439
Total receipts	18,405	-	-	18,405	21,439
A3 Payments					
2024 Conferenece Venue + Catering	15,500	-	-	15,500	
BRAIS 2024 Keynote costs	2,553	-	-	2,553	
BRAIS 2024 Conferenece Materials/Equipment	186	-	-	186	
2022 Conference Bursaries	1,100	-	-	1,100	
Trustee Expenses (conference and away day)	1,044	-	-	1,044	
Council Dinner	420	-	-	420	
Projects Coordinator fee	3,309	-	-	3,309	
Bank charges	57	-	-	57	
BRAIS Prize Honoraria	217	-	-	217	
BRAIS Prize Coordinator	500	-	-	500	
BRAIS Prize 2023 Winner Payment	1,003	-	-	1,003	
BRAIS Prize 2024 Payment	1,003	-	-	1,003	
TRS-UK Subscription	250	-	-	250	
Sub total	27,143	-	-	27,143	21,964
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	27,143	-	-	-	21,964
Total payments	27,143	-	-	-	21,964
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,738	-	-	-	525
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,666	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	22,928	-	-	-	31,666

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,928	-	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Haroon Sidat	19/12/2024
		Thomas Lea	19/12/2024

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BRAIS
British Association
for Islamic Studies

Annual Report

November 2022 – December 2023

Overview

The past year has seen BRAIS deliver a highly success Annual Conference in London which attracted a large and diverse cohort of scholars and students from across the UK, Europe and beyond. The Association awarded its annual Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World for the eighth time in 2023, with the winning submission by Dr Naz Yücel offering a superb analysis of property regimes in the late Ottoman period. As the financial year ends, BRAIS finds itself in very good financial health, with important decisions to be made about how best to spend-down its cash reserves. With membership numbers increasing across the year, we have every reason to feel ambitious as we look ahead to 2024 and beyond.

BRAIS 2023 at the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

We were delighted to host BRAIS 2023 at the Aga Khan University's Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (ISMC) in London. The conference was particularly special as BRAIS was due to host its 2020 conference at the ISMC but we were forced to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were therefore gratified to re-establish our connections with colleagues at the ISMC and deliver the conference we had hoped to deliver three years ago.

The conference featured 32 panels showcasing cutting edge research across a wide variety of Islamic Studies sub-disciplines. We were also privileged to welcome Professor Sarah Bowen-Savant and her team from the ISMC's 'KITAB' project and Professor Ousmane Kane of Harvard University who delivered two exceptional keynotes.

As part of BRAIS's continued focus on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, BRAIS EDI Officer, Dr Alyaa Ebbiary, organised a special panel for early career academics offering essential advice on how to apply for research grants, find the right academic publisher and how best to build an academic CV that will help secure permeant employment in UK Higher Education. EDI continues to be a priority for BRAIS, and we look forward to building on this panel at our 2024 conference.

BRAIS would like to offer its sincere thanks to everyone who made the conference such a success. In particular, Professor Jonas Otterbeck who was our academic lead from the ISMC, and Mafe Galve and her extraordinary team of staff and volunteers who delivered the conference with such professionalism. Sincere thanks also to the many publishers who

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attended the publisher exhibition and, most importantly, the many scholars who presented their work, chaired a panel, or contributed in any way.

We are now excited to look ahead to BRAIS 2024 which will be hosted by the University of Leeds on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 May 2024. We are thrilled to be welcoming Professor Tahera Qutbuddin (University of Oxford) and Professor Stefan Weber (Pergamon Museum, Berlin) to deliver our 2024 keynotes.

2023 BRAIS Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World

2023 saw a significant change in the way the BRAIS Prize is organised and administered. Following seven years of partnership with De Gruyter, BRAIS Trustees made the decision to offer the Prize independently. This decision was made based on feedback from colleagues who had submitted manuscripts for the Prize in previous years. It was clear that being tied to a specific publisher was a barrier to many people who would otherwise wish to submit a manuscript. The insistence that all those who submit a manuscript must not approach other publishers whilst a decision was being made about the Prize was also a clear issue for many people.

BRAIS therefore offered the 2023 Prize independently and we were extremely pleased with the result. We received 19 submissions in total, more than double the number we received in 2022. The Prize Committee had the unenviable task of deciding the winner, and after much deliberation, the 2023 BRAIS Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World was awarded to Dr Naz Yücel (George Washington University) for her submission 'Sustaining the Empire: Transformation of Property Regime in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1876-1913'. The Committee also made two honourable mentions: Dr Dominik Krell (Universität Hamburg) 'Islamic Law in Saudi Arabia: Concepts, Practices and Developments' and Dr Meia Walravens (University of Antwerp) 'Networked Diplomacy: Maḥmūd Gāwān's Bahmani Sultanate and the Fifteenth-century Islamic World.'

BRAIS would like to offer sincere thanks to De Gruyter who played a central role in establishing and evolving the Prize over a period of seven years. Under their sponsorship, the Prize has created an outstanding collection of monographs reflecting the diversity of Islamic Studies and showcasing exciting new academic talent from across our subject area.

Administering the Prize takes a tremendous amount of work and we would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the Prize Chair, Dr Saeko Yazaki, and the Prize Coordinator, Adam Ramadhan, who worked exceptionally hard to make sure the process went smoothly. We would also like to thank the Prize Committee for their major contribution to the Prize, as well as all those scholars who kindly agreed to read and review our submissions. The Prize is a true team effort and we really cannot thank everyone enough for their commitment.

Statement of Solidarity with the People of Palestine

Although this was a very positive year for BRAIS, 2023 was marked by devastating violence in the Middle East. As the attack on Gaza escalated through October, BRAIS Trustees made the decision to issue a statement of solidarity with the people of Palestine. The statement was an

important response to an unprecedented event, and Trustees stand by their intervention. Trustees are mindful that some BRAIS members may not have agreed with aspects of the statement, but this is precisely why it was issued on behalf of the Trustee alone, not the Association as a whole. We plan to open a discussion about this intervention at our AGM and would be very grateful to hear the thoughts of our membership.

Governance

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- Secretary: Mr Tom Lea (University of Edinburgh)
- Equality and Diversity Officer: Dr Alyaa Ebbiary (Durham University and Lancaster University)
- Communications Officer: Dr Usaama Al-Azami (University of Oxford)
- Events Officer: Dr Jaan Islam (University of Oxford)

All Trustees have agreed to continue in their roles into next year, so there will be no vote for new Officers at the next AGM.

BRAIS Council

3 BRAIS Trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to the BRAIS Council who have continued to offer essential advice and support over the past year. We are very happy to have welcomed two new members to the Council this year: Dr Shainool Jiwa (The Institute of Ismaili Studies) and Dr Hadiza Kere Abdulrahman (Bishop Grosseteste University). This means we now have 17 members of the BRAIS Council in total.

Membership

The success of our 2023 Annual Conference meant that we saw a rise in memberships across the year which is very positive. Current membership numbers are as follows:

Full Members	101
Associate Members	69
Student Members	121
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	291

This represents an increase of 36 members as compared to last year. However, these numbers are constantly changing depending on how many members decide to remain part of BRAIS once their membership is due for renewal.

Finance

2022-23 was the second year for BRAIS as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). As per our responsibility to the Charity Regulator, we have produced a formal Statement of Accounts which also features last year's headline financial data, allowing us to compare financial performance year-on-year. A draft of this year's Statement of Accounts has been circulated to all members and will be available on the Charity Commission's website in due course. BRAIS's financial year-end is 15 November, and our opening and closing cash reserves for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Cash reserves as of 16 November 2022:	£32,191
Cash reserves as of 15 November 2023:	£31,666

See Statement of Accounts for further detail regarding all receipts and payments.

Report prepared by Thomas Lea
Secretary - British Association for Islamic Studies
January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

British Association for Islamic Studies

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
11/6/2022

To

Period end date
11/15/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	5,589	-	-		
2022 Conference delegate fees	12,820	-	-		
2022 Conference Publisher Exhibition income	3,030	-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,439	-	-		19,080
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,439	-	-	21,439	-
Total receipts	21,439	-	-	21,439	19,080
A3 Payments					
2022 Conference Facilities/staff	1,199	-	-	1,199	
Conference promotion (social media)	293	-	-	293	
Conference equipment	211	-	-	211	
2022 Conference Catering	5,484	-	-	5,484	
2022 Conference Keynote Expenses	2,526	-	-	2,526	
2022 Conference Bursaries	950	-	-	950	
Trustee Expenses (conference and away day)	2,192	-	-	2,192	
Council Dinner	823	-	-	823	
Projects Coordinator fee	2,866	-	-	2,866	
Bank charges	71	-	-	71	
BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize Honoraria	600	-	-	600	
BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize Coordinator	500	-	-	500	
TRS-UK Subscription	250	-	-	250	
Alwaleed Centre Management Fee	4,000	-	-	4,000	
Sub total	21,964	-	-	21,964	21,207
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,964	-	-	21,964	21,207
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 525	-	-	-	2,127
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end					34,318
Cash funds this year end	31,666	-	-	31,666	32,191

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		32,192	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,666	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2023 BRAIS Prize Honorarium still to pay	Unrestricted	1,000	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Haroon Sidat	26/07/2024
	Thomas Lea	7/26/2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date
From	03	November	2021
		To	15
			November
			2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name British Association for Islamic Studies

Other names charity is known by BRAIS

Registered charity number (if any) 1196378

Charity's principal address The Middle East Centre

St Anthony's College

68 Woodstock Road, Oxford

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Fozia Bora	Chair	Whole year	BRAIS members
2	Tom Lea	Secretary	Whole year	BRAIS members
3	Haroon Sidat	Treasurer	Whole year	BRAIS members
4	Usaama Al-Azami	Communications Officer	Whole year	BRAIS members
5	Alyaa Ebbiary	EDI Officer	Whole year	BRAIS members
6	Jaan Islam	Events Officer	Whole year	BRAIS members
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Council Member	Mansur Ali	Cardiff University
Council Member	Omar Anchassi	Bern University
Council Member	Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor	Coventry University
Council Member	Robert Gleave	University of Exeter
Council Member	Jon Hoover	University of Nottingham
Council Member	Hugh Kennedy	SOAS, University of London
Council Member	Seán McLoughlin	University of Leeds
Council Member	Shamim Miah	University of Huddersfield
Council Member	Shuruq Naguib	Lancaster University
Council Member	Hilary Kalmbach	University of Sussex
Council Member	Frédéric Volpi	University of Edinburgh
Council Member	Saeko Yazaki	University of Glasgow

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system 	<p>BRAIS Trustees are supported by a wider Council who offer advice and guidance on an <i>ad-hoc</i> basis. BRAIS hosts a Council Meeting at least once a year, usually online.</p> <p>BRAIS benefits from a close relationships with the Muslims in Britain Research Network and the British Society for Middle East Studies.</p> <p>BRAIS’s AGM takes place annually in November and is hosted online.</p>
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and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Association are the advancement of education for the public benefit through the promotion and enhancement of research and teaching about Islam and Muslim cultures and societies in UK higher and further education.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

BRAIS undertakes four main activities for the public benefit and these are listed below. BRAIS Trustees are fully aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have taken this into account when making any decisions to which the guidance is relevant. At no time over the last year have BRAIS Trustees decided to depart from the guidance.

Trustees acknowledge that if they do decide to depart from the guidance, they must have good reasons for doing so.

Main Activities:

1. Providing a forum for academic exchange for scholars with an interest in any aspect of Islam and the Muslim world, past and present, including Muslim minority societies;
2. The holding of conferences and events;
3. The support of access to archives and information about Islam and the Muslim world;
4. The pursuit of any other activities promoting Islamic studies as the Trustees may decide.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

BRAIS relies heavily on volunteers to deliver its yearly activities. BRAIS Trustees and Council Members are all volunteers, with additional support provided by our administrative hub at the Alwaleed Centre, University of Edinburgh, and BRAIS's Projects Coordinator, Sharaiz Chaudhry. BRAIS would like to offer its sincere thanks to all those people who have given so generously of their time over the course of the last year. The Association simply would not be able to function without these essential contributions.

BRAIS will be reinstating its small grants programme over the next 18 months. Our current policy is to offer grants up to a maximum of £500 for workshops and seminars organised by members.

BRAIS offer student bursaries for PhD students who present at its annual conference. Our current policy is to offer a fee waiver + £100 towards travel and accommodation costs for PhD students.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Overview

With COVID-19 restrictions finally easing over the course of the past year, 2021/22 saw the British Association for Islamic Studies host its first in-person conference in three years at the University of Edinburgh. The seventh annual BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize was awarded to a ground-breaking thesis exploring prophecy in early Muslim theology, and BRAIS

Officers made significant progress in developing BRAIS's policy and strategy around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

BRAIS 2022 at the University of Edinburgh

BRAIS last hosted an in-person conference in 2019 at the University of Nottingham. The opportunity to meet colleagues and share new research is vital to the development of our field and, for this reason, BRAIS's annual conference has been sorely missed. We were therefore delighted to welcome over 120 scholars to the University of Edinburgh on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June 2022 for a conference that will live long in the memory. There was a palpable sense of joy as colleagues, new and old, came together for two days of memorable panels, papers and keynotes. We would like to express our particular thanks to Professor Salman Sayyid (University of Leeds) who opened the conference with his superb keynote 'Critical Muslim Studies: Decolonizing the Islamicate?' We were also delighted to welcome ten leading academic publishers to the conference and we would like to thank everyone who took part for contributing to such a stimulating and programme. Plans are now well underway for BRAIS 2023 which will be hosted in the stunning surroundings of the Aga Khan University's Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 May. We are delighted to confirm that the conference will include a keynote panel featuring Professor Sarah Bowen Savant and team members from the AKU's trailblazing digital humanities project KITAB, alongside Professor Ousmane Kane (Harvard University) who will discuss the challenges of decolonising the study of Islam in Africa.

BRAIS De Gruyter Prize 2022

The seventh round of the BRAIS - De Gruyter Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World attracted some outstanding submissions this year. After considerable deliberation, the Prize Committee awarded the 2022 prize to Elizabeth Grace Price (Yale University) for her submission 'The Barāhima's Dilemma: Ibn al-Rāwandī's Kitāb al-Zumurrud and the Epistemological Turn in the Debate on Prophecy'. The Committee also gave an Honourable Mention to Aziza Shanazarova for her submission 'A Female Saint in Muslim Polemics: Agha-yi Buzurg and her Legacy in Early Modern Central Asia'. Our sincere congratulations go to Elizabeth and Aziza. BRAIS would like to offer its profound thanks to the Prize Committee as well as all those colleagues who kindly reviewed this year's submissions. Particular thanks go to Prize Chair, Dr Saeko Yazaki, and Prize Coordinator, Dr Anthony Allison, who dedicated a tremendous amount of time and care to the process. Anthony stepped down as Prize Coordinator this year and we cannot thank him enough for the professionalism and commitment he has shown since he assumed the role.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

BRAIS Officers met in Edinburgh for a long overdue Away Day on Thursday 8 September 2022. The primary focus of the discussion was Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), and we are extremely grateful to BRAIS's EDI Officer, Alyaa Ebbiary, for facilitating our discussions and taking the lead on BRAIS's EDI agenda. EDI will be a key priority for BRAIS over the next three years, with plans in place to collect EDI data across UK Islamic Studies and produce an EDI strategy within the next 18 months. A sub-group will be convened to take this vital work forward.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to maintain a reserve of at least £20,000. This is approximate to the yearly running costs of BRAIS assuming an annual conference is delivered.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

BRAIS is funded through two primary sources:

- 1) Membership subscriptions
- 2) Income from our annual conference

We have ambitions to diversify our funding sources and this will be a priority in the next 18 months.



Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Fozia Bora	Thomas Lea
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	30/08/2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 03/11/2021	To	Period end date 15/11/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	4,372	-	-	4,372	-
2022 Conference delegate fees	11,687	-	-	11,687	-
2022 Conference Publisher Exhibition income	3,022	-	-	3,022	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,080	-	-	19,080	8,893
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,080	-	-	19,080	8,893
A3 Payments					
2022 Conference Facilities	4,450	-	-	4,450	-
2022 Conference Catering	5,011	-	-	5,011	-
2022 Conference Keynote Expenses	505	-	-	505	-
2022 Conference Bursaries	900	-	-	900	-
Trustee Expenses (conference and away day)	2,354	-	-	2,354	-
Charity consultancy fee	700	-	-	700	-
Projects Coordinator fee	2,396	-	-	2,396	-
Bank charges	140	-	-	140	-
BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize	1,150	-	-	1,150	-
BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize Coordinator	500	-	-	500	-
TRS-UK Subscription	100	-	-	100	-
Website Redesign	2,880	-	-	2,880	-
Subscription refunds	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,207	-	-	21,207	11,312
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,207	-	-	21,207	11,312
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,126	-	-	- 2,126	- 2,420
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,318	-	-	34,318	36,738
Cash funds this year end	32,192	-	-	32,192	34,318

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		32,192	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,192	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Haroon Sidat	01/09/2023
		Thomas Lea	31/08/2023