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GRADUATES WIN EUROPAEUM STUDY BURSARIES TO STUDY REFUGEES AND ARMED CONFLICT

This year's Europaeum Study bursaries have been won by young scholars who will be researching international refugee protections in Oxford, and international humanitarian law in Geneva.

The bursary scheme is designed to allow specialist library or archive work, supervisions with desired tutors, taught programmes including specialist summer schools, field work or work with organisations linked to partnership universities.

These bursaries, worth €500 each, have been awarded annually since 2001. They are designed, due to the generosity of the benefactor, specifically to encourage links between Geneva and Oxford, and for young scholars to widen their international links.

This year, Ms Francesca Piana, who is in the third year of a PhD at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, is spending a month in Oxford, supervised by Professor Patricia Clavin of Jesus College. Francesca is examining the library archives and refugee-related private papers only available to readers in the Bodleian Library. Her PhD title is "The Origins of the Refugees Protection Regime 1919-1926: the Role of the League of Nations."



Kubo Mačák, of Somerville College (MPhil), is heading in the opposite direction. Prior to commencing his DPhil, Kubo will visit Geneva to consult the prominent scholars there (including Professor Andrew Chapham and Mr. Antoine Bouvier) in examining the internationalization of armed conflict. His focus, including library research at the International Committee of the Red Cross, concerns how civil wars develop into international armed conflicts, for example through foreign intervention or state dissolution.

Dr Paul Flather, Secretary-General of the Europaeum, said: "The Europaeum is delighted to be coordinating this scheme. It encapsulates our aim to foster European links and give young scholars a sense of Europe by enhancing multi-disciplinary work at more than one top European institute."

Notes:

- 1) These awards are part of the Europaeum's Oxford-Geneva Link Programme launched in 2000. Supporting student study and research exchanges between Oxford and Geneva.
- 2) Previous winners in this scheme have studied regional trade agreements, property law, the UNHCR, migrant policies and the cultural significance of film festivals.

- 3) Europaeum activities include research projects, annual conferences and student summer schools, lectures, joint teaching programmes, and academic mobility schemes. A major initiative is the development of a joint degree programme in *European History and Civilisation*, linking the universities of Leiden, Paris and Oxford, now in its sixth year.
- 4) The Europaeum was founded in 1992, with a mission to promote excellence in academic research and teaching collaboration between Europaeum partners; and act as an open academic network linking the Europaeum partners and other bodies in the pursuit of study.

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