



## **Press Notice**

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# **Europaeum graduates to investigate self-reliance of refugees and German Jews going to Palestine**

This year's *Europaeum Oxford-Geneva Study Bursaries* have been won by two young scholars who will respectively be researching encounters between Yekkes and Arabs in British Mandate Palestine, and the self-reliance of the refugees.

These bursaries, now worth €1000 each, have been awarded annually since 2001, and are designed specifically to encourage links between Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the University of Oxford and for young scholars to widen their international links.

The 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.



**Ms Tatjana Eichert**, a PhD student in International History at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, will use her time in Oxford to further her doctoral research for the dissertation entitled *Yekkes and Arabs: Encounters between German-speaking Jewish Immigrants and Arab Palestinians in British Mandate Palestine, 1920-1948*. She will consult a wide range of Oxford archives and libraries, including the Bodleian libraries, the Middle East Centre Archive, and collections such as the Leopold Muller Memorial Library at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. She will also use the opportunity to meet specific experts members within the History faculty at Oxford.

**Ms Evan Easton-Calabria**, a DPhil candidate in International Development at Linacre College, Oxford, will spend time in Geneva to conduct further research into her DPhil dissertation topic, *Subjects of Self-Reliance: A Critical History of Refugees and Development, 1919-2015*. She plans to make use of the UNHCR Archives and the P. and M. Centlivres Afghanistan Collection, both housed in Geneva, to expand chapters in her thesis focussing on East African and Afghan refugees respectively. In particular, she will examine a number of documents and reports relating to past refugee assistance projects in both archive collections.



### **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, film and culture, water management, sexuality among youth, and poverty alleviation.
- 3) 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.

- 4) 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 two-year programme for 25 - 30 specially selected Europaeum scholars in *European History and Civilisation*, linking the universities of Leiden, Paris and Oxford, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

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