

## Curriculum Vitae of Esmé Lily Katherine Partridge

### Profile

Religion consultant, researcher and published writer holding a First Class BA (Hons) in Religion from SOAS and studying for an MPhil in Philosophy of Religion at the University of Cambridge. Equipped with advanced writing, research and communication skills and professional experience at the intersection of faith and politics.

### Education

- 2022-2024 Clare College, University of Cambridge**  
**MPhil Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion**  
Part-time Postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Divinity.
- 2018-2021 SOAS, University of London**  
**BA (Hons) Study of Religions**  
Modules in the Religions of the Middle East, Islamic Studies, Arabic, Islam in Britain, and Religion in World Politics. Final year dissertation on digital spirituality in a secular age. Awarded a **First Class** degree.
- 2011-2018 Wood Green School, Oxfordshire**  
**A-Levels**  
Completed three A-Levels and an Extended Project (AS-Level Equivalent), achieving two **A\*s**.  
**GCSEs**  
Attained ten GCSEs, achieving five **As** and **A\*s**.

### Professional Experience

- July 2021 - Present Good Faith Partnership**  
**Associate Consultant**  
Authoring a policy handbook on Freedom of Religion or Belief and continuing to serve on the secretariat for the APPG on Christianity in the Holy Land.
- Interfaith Coordinator**  
Coordinating several projects at the intersection of religion and politics. Incubating an interfaith organisation in the UK; serving as the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Christianity in the Holy Land; developing a Religion and diplomacy training programme for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); and organising events surrounding the UK Government's International Freedom of Religion or Belief Ministerial.
- October 2020 - Present Freelance Writer and Editor**  
Writing on religion, philosophy and politics for publications including The Royal Society of Arts, Theos Think Tank, UnHerd, The Critic, Genealogies of Modernity, Athwart Magazine, Renovatio (The Journal of Zaytuna College), ArabLit Quarterly, Muslim Institute, The Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society and Temenos Academy Review. Professionally editing an academic volume for an independent researcher.

- July 2020 - Everyday Muslim**  
**July 2021 Interviewer, Podcast Writer & Presenter**  
 Conducted oral history interviews with individuals on their experiences as Muslims living in Britain and adapting their stories into podcast scripts. Produced and presented a podcast series narrating the stories of British Muslims.
- October 2018 - June 2020 SOAS Students' Union Student Representative**  
 Represented the student cohort for the History, Religions and Philosophies department, contributing to meetings and mediating staff-student dialogue. Elected by peers for two consecutive academic years.
- Student Representative Training Facilitator**  
 Devised and led interactive training workshops for prospective student representatives.
- July 2017 Oxford City Council Arts & Culture Intern**  
 Assisted with planning and promoting cultural events in the City of Oxford during a short summer placement.
- June - November 2016 Bestival Public Relations Intern**  
 Assisted with internal and external communications, content writing for the Bestival website, and representing the company on Soho Radio as part of their weekly promotional programme.

### Awards and Achievements

- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Platonism, Perennialism, Pluralism: What is King Charles III's Philosophy?* for the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism (2023).
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Islam and Modernity: "Protestant Mahometism" and other Outliers of Orientalism* at the Paideia Forum Summer School, Oriel College, University of Oxford (2022).
- ❖ Delivered an online course on Islam, Christianity and Modernity for the Paideia Forum (2022).
- ❖ Led a seminar for an undergraduate module at the University of Leiden (2021).
- ❖ Awarded Top Student Thesis in Digital Religion Studies by Texas A&M University (2021).
- ❖ Spoke at the Eighth Assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace on the theme of young people, technology and inclusive citizenship (2021).
- ❖ Led a seminar on *The Mystical Symbolism of The Moon in the Writings of Ibn 'Arabi* for the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society's Interdisciplinary Research Hub (2021).
- ❖ Awarded a commendation in the international Ibn Arabi Society Young Writers Competition (2019)
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Creativity and Imagination in Islamic Mysticism* at The Temenos Academy Young Scholars Day, Robinson College, University of Cambridge (2019).
- ❖ Featured in Church Times, Jewish News, The Week, Front Porch Republic and the Ujazdowski Castle Center for Contemporary Art.