

Curriculum Vitae of Esmé Lily Katherine Partridge

Profile

Consultant, researcher and published writer holding a First Class BA in Religion from SOAS and studying for an MPhil in Philosophy of Religion at the University of Cambridge, with professional experience at the intersection of religion and politics.

Education

- October 2022 - June 2024** **Clare College, University of Cambridge**
MPhil Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion
Postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Divinity. Researching Renaissance theories of religious pluralism and learning French.
- October 2018 - June 2021** **SOAS, University of London**
BA (Hons) Study of Religions
Modules in the Religions of the Middle East, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Islam in Britain, Religion in World Politics. Dissertation on digital spirituality in a secular age.
Awarded a **First Class** degree.
- September 2011 - June 2018** **Wood Green School, Oxfordshire**
A-Levels
Attained three A-Levels and an Extended Project (AS-Level Equiv.), achieving two **A***s.
GCSEs
Attained ten GCSEs, achieving five **As** and **A***s.

Professional Experience

- July 2021 - October 2023** **Good Faith Partnership**
Associate Consultant
Authored a policy handbook on Freedom of Religion or Belief based on the Marrakesh Declaration and organised its parliamentary launch. Continued to serve on the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Christianity in the Holy Land, being responsible for administration; recruiting members and officers; and managing relationships with stakeholders including the Church of England and US congressional leaders.
- Interfaith Consultant**
Coordinated several projects at the intersection of religion and politics. Incubated an interfaith organisation in the UK; served on the secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Christianity in the Holy Land; developed a religion and international diplomacy training programme for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; and organised 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 Theos Think Tank, UnHerd, The Critic, First Things, Renovatio (The Journal of Zaytuna College), ArabLit Quarterly, Muslim Institute, The Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society, Temenos

Academy Review and La Règle d'Abraham. Professionally edited an academic book 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 - SOAS Students' Union Student Representative

June 2020 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

- ❖ Presented to the UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum on my work on the Marrakesh Declaration and UK policy (2023).
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Platonism, Perennialism, Pluralism: What is King Charles III's Philosophy?* for the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism (2023).
- ❖ Awarded Sheikh Zayed Studentship to study for an MPhil at the University of Cambridge (2022).
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Islam and Modernity* 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).
- ❖ Awarded a commendation in the international Ibn Arabi Society Young Writers Competition (2019).
- ❖ Appeared on several podcasts including Seen & Unseen and Renovatio.
- ❖ Featured in Church Times, Jewish News and The Week.