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A photograph of a university campus walkway. The path is paved and lined with trees, some of which have autumn-colored leaves. Numerous bicycles are parked along the sides of the path. In the background, there are multi-story brick buildings. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the path. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**“AFSOAS” IS A COMMUNITY GROUP, FOUNDED BY SOAS ALUMNI  
BASED IN THE U.S., WHICH AIMS TO DEVELOP A PROFESSIONAL,  
ACADEMIC, CAREER AND SOCIAL NETWORK OF NEARLY 4,000  
SOAS ALUMNI & FRIENDS IN THE U.S., CREATING A LINK  
BETWEEN SOAS AND ITS AMERICAN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS.**

A photograph of a university campus walkway. The path is paved and lined with trees, some of which have autumn-colored leaves. Numerous bicycles are parked along the sides of the path. In the background, there are brick buildings and a few people walking. The text is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters.

**AFSOAS SHARES AND PROMOTES SOAS' EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF  
ADVANCING THE STUDY OF AFRICA, ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
AND SUPPORT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH MEET THESE  
AIMS. AFSOAS ALSO ENCOURAGES AMERICAN STUDENTS TO  
STUDY AT SOAS, AS WELL AS FUNDRAISING FOR POSTGRADUATE  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS TO STUDY AT SOAS.**

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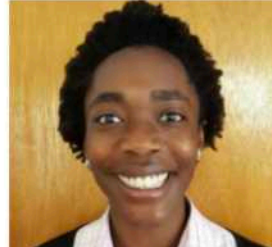
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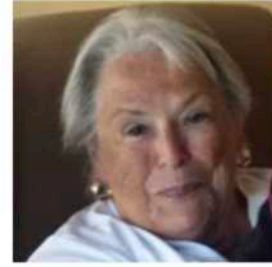
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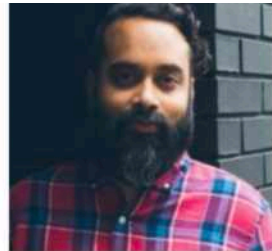
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# JOHN LOIELLO SCHOLARSHIP

2019-20

Montita Sowapark -  
*M.A. Medical  
Anthropology*



2016-17

Donya Nasser - *M.A.  
Iranian Studies*



2018-19

Cynthia Magallanes-  
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Migration and Diaspora  
Studies*



2015-16

Bethel Moges - *MSc Migration,  
Mobility, & Development*



2017-18

Sherin Nassar - *M.Sc.  
Development Studies*

"SOAS gave me the opportunity to be surrounded by like minded individuals who challenge your conceptions, force you to look at your own lack of awareness, and own up to how you can effectively challenge a system that many conform to."



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2014-15

Cristina Leifson - *MSc Violence, Conflict,  
& Development*



# SOAS SUPPORT

Beasley Lectureship Fund

Brunei Gallery

Burmese Studies

China Institute

Cultures of Resistance Postgraduate Scholarships

Dr. Kit Davis Scholarship for Anthropology

Dr. Heather Elgood Asian Arts Scholarship

Food Studies Centre

Jaina Studies Centre

London Middle East Institute

The Margaret Busby New Daughters of Africa Award

Sanctuary Scholarships

Thomas Gale Summer School Scholarships

# GHANA SCHOLARS (2019)

In 2019, AFSoAS sponsored 2 individuals from Ghana to attend an intensive Endangered Languages Documentation Training program at SOAS. Ida Sodoke Assem & Kenneth Bodua-Mango are working to document endangered cultural practices and everyday language use among the Animere, a Ghana-Togo Mountain group who live in Keichebi and Kunda in the Nkwanta district of the Oti region of Ghana.





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1. Register at SOAS Connect to network with fellow alumni & mentor / be a mentee: [soasconnect.net](https://soasconnect.net)
2. Please make sure to keep your contact details updated & to opt in to receive communications from SOAS to stay informed about all the latest news, events, offers, and more!: <https://www.soasworld.org/join>
3. Connect with us on social media to stay update on latest events, news and campaigns
4. Attend future alumni events: [www.afsoas.org/events](http://www.afsoas.org/events)
5. Let us know if / when you plan to visit SOAS!
6. Make a contribution in support of the university or any of the several scholarship funds we support: [www.chapel-yorkfoundation.org/donate-to-soas/](http://www.chapel-yorkfoundation.org/donate-to-soas/)



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