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## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY QATAR STUDENTS LAUNCH POLITICAL SCIENCE JOURNAL ON QSCIENCE.COM

***Publication Gives A Voice To Undergraduate Research Focusing On Issues Pivotal  
To Middle Eastern Affairs***

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**Doha, Qatar:** BLOOMSBURY QATAR FOUNDATION JOURNALS (BQFJ) has announced the launch on QScience.com of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar: Middle Eastern Studies Student Association's academic journal (MESSA).

*MESSA* is a new, peer-reviewed journal for undergraduate work of the highest calibre. All content in the journal will be 'open access', meaning they are free-to-read on the web, and authors retain copyright for their works. The development is the latest enhancement on QScience.com, the digital publishing portal for research journals.

The refreshing new *MESSA* journal serves to give a voice to undergraduate research focusing on issues that are pivotal to Middle Eastern affairs. Striving to foster and enhance undergraduate research, the journal enables students to present their work, and facilitates a breadth and depth of discussion about respective economic, political and social affairs in this dynamic region of the world.

Dr Khawla Al Derbasti, Editor-in-Chief of the *MESSA* journal and student at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, said: "I am proud that for the first time, we have an academic journal that solidifies the *MESSA* ethos in terms of promoting undergraduate research and the work of our generation of scholars. In truth, this is just the beginning for the journal, and I look forward to future annual issues that will no doubt be publishing with Bloomsbury."

The launch of the *MESSA* journal is a major milestone for Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and BQFJ, as it reflects the burgeoning research environment of Qatar to the wider world through a state-of-the-art publishing enterprise.

Arend Küster, Managing Director of BQFJ, explained: “It gives me immense pleasure to be able to publish this journal on behalf of MESSA and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar.

“One of the aims of BQFJ is to encourage the next generation of researchers and academics to get into the habit of sharing and disseminating their work to the world, and publishing in a free-to-read, online academic journal is the perfect first step.”

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### **About Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Journals (BQFJ)**

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