

Area Studies in a picture: images of your research

The Oxford School of Area Studies opens its second Area Studies fieldwork photography competition to display the best images our students have taken whilst out on their fieldwork. A picture is worth a thousand words: make sure your picture is engaging, tells the viewer the story behind the image and the beneficial impact of your research.

Contest rules

To enter the competition, you must:

- Be a student of the Oxford School of Area Studies
- Accept the Terms and Conditions of the context¹, including agreeing to the School's use of the image you submit on School website, social media and resources and on any promotional materials
- Include a title (up to 15 words) and a caption of up to 100 words on where it was taken, what is happening in the shot, what inspired you to take it, why it represent Area Studies in a Picture.
- Include a description of the image (object, action, context) to ensure its digital accessibility
- Submit a high-resolution digital image (as a JPG at least 300dpi with a minimum of 3508 x 4967 pixels)
- Complete your application form on [here](#) and send your complete application to impact@area.ox.ac.uk by 01/09/26.

Entries assessment

The Oxford School of Global and Area Studies Research Committee will act as shortlisting panel. A judging panel, both made up of Academic and Professional Services colleagues from a range of disciplines and expertise will assess entries against three criteria:

Viewer Engagement	Picture story	Impact
To what extent does the image engage the viewer and make them want to know more about the research?	To what extent does the abstract communicate the story behind the image, to a non-specialist audience?	To what extent does your entry communicate the beneficial impact of the research on society, culture, the environment or the economy?

Prizes

The winners will be announced on 01/10/26. There will be three winners per year and prizes will be:

- £50 Book Voucher
- The picture framed and displayed in one of the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies buildings
- The picture featured on the OSGA website and resources.

If you have any questions regarding this competition please email research@area.ox.ac.uk

Attachments:

- Area Studies in a picture: images of your research - Terms & Conditions
- Privacy Notice
- Consent form.

¹ Any images of identifiable people must be accompanied by signed Consent form.

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Eligibility

Be a student of the Oxford School of Area Studies between 01/10/2025 – 30/09/2026. Photos must have been taken while the student was on fieldwork during the contest period. Each entrant must complete an application form on [here](#) and send your complete application to impact@area.ox.ac.uk by 01/09/26. Each entrant must agree to all the rules for the contest outlined here. Accept the present Terms and Conditions of the context and any images of identifiable people must be accompanied by signed Consent form.

Rights

By entering the contest, each entrant acknowledges that the photos are the creative work of the submitting student, that the rights to the photos are owned by the submitting student, and that the submitted photos do not violate copyright, fair use, or other commonly accepted guidelines for producing or reproducing creative work. Each entering student grants the University the right to reproduce the entrant's images and publish the entrant's name, class year, major, on an accompanying website about the contest, in photographic exhibitions on campus, and in University-produced materials about the contest and other promotional materials, website and social produced by the School and its representatives. The copyright for the images remains with the student.

Technical requirements

Images submitted for the contest must high-resolution digital images (as a JPG at least 300dpi with a minimum of 3508 x 4967 pixels).

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Deadline: Photos must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on 01/09/2026.

Privacy Notice

1. Aims

This Privacy Notice explains how we use your personal information: for participants (or prospective participants) of ***Area Studies in a picture: images of your research Competition***. It outlines the types of data that we hold and how we use it. We aim to be clear when we collect your personal information, and not do anything you would not reasonably expect. In collecting and using (processing) your personal information we must comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018.

2. Processing personal information

The information provided here applies to the use, sharing and disclosure (processing) of your personal information by the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies for the purpose of ***Area Studies in a picture: images of your research Competition***. Further information about who your information will be shared with is included in Section (3) according to data protection law the University is a Data Controller for this processing.

3. Personal information we will process

The University needs to collect, maintain and use personal data relating to or about you in order to administer the competition you are involved with. This includes:

- Personal contact details such as name, telephone number and email address
- Details about your current studies, School and year of study

4. Purpose of the processing under data protection law

As part of our work we process personal information relating to participants (or prospective participants) of competitions to encourage wider participation. We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to do so by providing us with a legal basis or valid condition.

Examples of the processing include

The personal information that you provide to us when you engage with our photography competition will be processed for a range of purposes connected with widening participation in higher education, including the purposes of:

- enabling your participation in events or programmes
- monitoring and research including (but not limited to) evaluation of the impact of events/activities
- producing statistics, including participation numbers to the competition.
- to communicate effectively with, including the distribution of relevant newsletters and circulars containing information the University considers necessary to support your experience as a participant to the competition.

5. How long will my personal information be kept for?

We will only retain certain detailed information that we need for the purposes of competition for as long as necessary to serve that purpose. In order to conduct long-term evaluation, tracking and monitoring, we will retain some of your key personal information until the end of the academic year 2028/29.

After this period, any personal information will be removed from our records, and only the anonymised data extract will be retained for secondary research purposes.

6. What are my rights in connection with my personal information?

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- Request access to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it
- Request correction of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected
- Request erasure of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing.
- Object to processing of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- Request the restriction of processing of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, you should contact the research@area.ox.ac.uk

7. Additional Information

If you have any questions about how your personal information is used, or wish to exercise any of your rights, please consult the University's data protection webpages at

If you need further assistance, please contact OSGA Research Team, research@area.ox.ac.uk

Photo Consent Form
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Name: _____ I, _____ (participant name), grant permission for my image to be taken for the following purposes:

- Taking Part to the Area Studies in a picture: images of your research Competition organised by the Oxford School of Global and Area studies
- Display in the Oxford School of Global and Area studies, on the School's website or social media platforms
- Use in Oxford School of Global and Area studies' promotional materials
- I acknowledge that I have the right to request their removal if I am not satisfied with their use.

I understand that I have the right to withdraw my consent at any time by contacting the studio in writing or via email at [email address].

I am aware that personal data collected through photography will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions, please contact OSGA Research Team, research@area.ox.ac.uk