



# Celebrating twenty years of the Saif Ghobash Banipal Prize for Arabic Literary Translation

## SGBP translators and authors participating in the Emirates Literature Festival 2026

21 January 2026

### 12 noon to 12.45pm : The Translator as A Narrator

Luke Leafgren (2025 Shortlisted; 2018 and 2023 SGBP Prizewinner)

With Faisal Al Swaaidi and Nada Abdulaziz as *Moderator*

<https://litfesttickets.emirateslitfest.com/addtocart/the-translator-as-a-narrator?locale=en>

<https://litfesttickets.emirateslitfest.com/author-details/luke-leafgren?locale=en>

### 1.00pm to 1.45pm : Arabic Literature in Global Context

Kay Heikkinen (2025 SGBP Runner-up, 2024 shortlisted, and 2020 Prizewinner)

Sarah Enany (2021 SSGB Prizewinner)

Shahla Ujayli (2021 shortlisted author of *A Bed for the King's Daughter*)

With Hazem Ibrahim as *Moderator*

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### 4.00pm to 4.45pm: The Future of Arabic-English Translation

Prof. Marilyn Booth (2025 SGBP Prizewinner)

Prof. Yasir Suleiman (Banipal Trustee)

Marwa Melhem as *Moderator*

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<https://litfesttickets.emirateslitfest.com/author-details/prof-marilyn-booth?locale=en>

<https://litfesttickets.emirateslitfest.com/author-details/yasir-suleiman?locale=en>

23 and 24 January 2026

### 23 January 2026, 6pm – 7pm : Chronicles of the Mud City

Saud Alsanousi (author of 2016 winning novel *The Bamboo Stalk*, translated by Jonathan Wright)

Parween Habib (moderator)

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### 24 January 2026, 12noon – 1pm : Sheikh Zayed Book Award

Margaret Obank one of 4 panellists, moderated by Bilal Orfali

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