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**Politics, Economics,<sup>and</sup> Society**  
**Conference September 6–8**

**University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA**

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTRATION – Union Building 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**  
**Room: Hinckley Caucus Room, OSH Building**

Welcoming Address  
**Prof. John Francis**, Senior Associate Vice President  
for Academic Affairs, University of Utah

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 9:15 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**Room: Hinckley Caucus Room, OSH Building**

Plenary Presentation

*Whither Kurdish Nationalism?*

**Prof. Robert Olson**, University of Kentucky  
*Introduction:*  
**Prof. John Francis**, University of Utah

**Coffee Break 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM**  
(Please proceed to the Union Building)





**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 1:10 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel I “Turkey: Turkey –European Union Relations”**

*The Subjective Character of Turkey – EU Relations : Would a Dual Perspective Lead to a Second Reading?*

**Asli Ege Dzedzic** (Turkey) Marmara University (ayak20022003@yahoo.fr)

*Searching for Utility or Europeanness: Social Identity Theory and Turkey-EU Relations*

**Tyler Curley** (USA) University of Washington, Tacoma (curleyt@u.washington.edu)

*Amendments in the Turkish Legal System in the Context of the European Union Membership Process: Achievements and Failures*

**Yücel Ogurlu** (Turkey) Istanbul Commerce University (yucelogurlu@yahoo.com)

*Moderator: Adem Yavuz Elveren* (USA)

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*Discussant: Adam Luedtke* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM –1:10 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel II “Undergraduate Research: Comparisons of the Relative Effectiveness of Democratization in the Greater Middle East”**

*Al-Qaeda and Saudi Arabia: A New War*

**Jennifer Larae Anderson** (USA), Utah Valley State College  
(Blueneteye@yahoo.com)

*The Costs and Benefits of War and Democratization in Afghanistan*

**Ethan L. Davis** (USA), Utah Valley State College (ethanldavis@gmail.com)

*The Costs and Benefits of War and Democratization in Iraq: Reading between the Lines*

**Tyler Nay** (USA), Utah Valley State College (tylernay2003@yahoo.com)

*The Costs of War in Palestine/Israel and Prospects for Peace*

**Julie Wilkerson** (USA), Utah Valley State College (Jules\_nar@hotmail.com)

*Moderator: Robert F. Norton* (USA)

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*Discussant: Kristian Alexander* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM –1:10 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel III “Communications, Media and the Coverage of Extremism and Terror”**

*Memories of Strength and Weakness: The Public Appeal of Osama Bin Laden’s Public Statements*

**James Mikulec** (USA), George Washington University (jmikulec@gwu.edu)

*Framing terrorist incidents in the United States and United Kingdom: A Comparison of American, British, Asian, and Middle Eastern Press*

**Mary Danis** (USA), U. of California, Santa Barbara (danis@umail.ucsb.edu)

**Paul Myers** (USA), U. of California, Santa Barbara (paulmyers@umail.ucsb.edu)

**Michael Stohl** (USA) U. of California, Santa Barbara (mstohl@comm.ucsb.edu)

*The Iconology of Hizbullah: Martyrs and Identity*

**Heather Paperner** (Israel), Tel-Aviv University (hpaperner@gmail.com)

*Moderator: Shelley Deane* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM –1:10 PM Room: Panorama East**

**Panel IV “Undergraduate Research: A Comparative Analysis of Realist, Liberal and Constructivist Perspectives on American Foreign Policy”**

*American Foreign Policy and the Case of Iraq*

**Ingrid Price** (USA), University of Utah (ingrid.price@gmail.com)

*Constructivism and the “War on Terror”*

**Andrew Jensen** (USA), University of Utah (jajensen06@hotmail.com)

*International Relations Theory and American Foreign Policy*

**Jonathan Harman** (USA), University of Utah (jonny\_harman@hotmail.com)

*Moderator: Carrie Humphreys* (USA)

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**Lunch 01:10 PM – 2:20 PM**

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel V “Turkey: Communications and Media”**

*The Image of Turkey’s Justice and Development Party in the Global Newswires: Bias or Misception?*

**Baris Kesgin** (USA), University of Kansas (bkesgin@ku.edu)

**Sumeyye Pakdil** (USA), University of Kansas (SPAKDIL@KU.EDU)

*Turkey’s Own ‘September 11’: A Critical Analysis of Media Coverage of the 2005 Istanbul Bombings*

**Elif Sabahat Uyar** (Turkey), Middle East Technical University

(elifuyars@gmail.com)

*The Decrease of Political News in Newspapers: Cases of Turkish Newspapers in 1980, 1990 and 2005*

**Fatih Bayram** (Turkey), Anadolu University (fbayram1@anadolu.edu.tr)

*Moderator: Emine Hosoglu-Dogan* (USA)

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*Discussant: Robert Olson* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel VI “American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Past and Present”**

*Middle Eastern Anti-Americanism: A General Perspective on Its Historical Origins, Root Causes and Utility*

**Gubara Said Hassan** (Finland), University of Helsinki (gubara.hassan@helsinki.fi)

*The Politics of Perception: Anti-Americanism in the Middle East*

**Alise E. Coen** (USA), University of Delaware (aeco@udel.edu)

*Intelligence Failures and the Limits of Superpower Hegemony: American Foreign Policy during the Iran-Iraq War*

**John Miglietta** (USA), Tennessee State University (jmiglietta@Tnstate.edu)

*Those Whom the Gods Would Destroy? The Role of Ideas in U.S. Policy towards Palestinians*

**Matthew Aaron Leep** (USA), University of Connecticut (Matthew.leep@uconn.edu)

*Moderator: Andrew Jensen* (USA)

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*Discussant: Steven Lobell* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel VII “Comparative Studies in Terrorism, Extremism and Regional Security: Prospects and Challenges”**

*Constituents of Security in Middle East: Possibilities by Accepting and Appreciating Differences*

**Burcu Bostanoglu** (Turkey), Gazi University (burcubos@yahoo.com)

*Gains and Losses Realized by Terrorist Networks*

**Lauren Gilbert** (USA), University of Utah (laureng21@hotmail.com)

*Exploring the Possibilities of Strengthening Peace & Prosperity: A Case Study of Pakistan Sponsored Activities in Kashmir*

**Rajinder Singh** (India), Punjab Institute of National Development Studies (gill.rajinder@gmail.com)

*Moderator: Tim Chambless* (USA)

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*Discussant: Christopher Boucek* (USA)

Princeton University (cboucek@princeton.edu)

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM Room: Union Theatre**

**Film: *Shocking and Awful*** (Independent Activists, 90 min., 2005)

Shocking and awful is the way many people view the current situation in Iraq and the United States. The war continues to take its toll on Iraqi civilians, international aid workers, journalists and US troops. Here at home we are seeing how living in a state of “perpetual war” is affecting our own lives as well. Deep Dish TV has collected and produced thirteen programs about the war and the occupation, that address the implications and consequences of this US’s recent military actions. The series also shows how people are mobilizing through art, actions, and international law.

**Coffee Break 4:10 PM – 4:15 PM**

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM  
Room: Hinckley Caucus Room, OSH Building**

*Theocracy, Democracy, and the Conservative Consolidation in Iran*

**Prof. Vali Nasr, Naval Postgraduate School**

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – 7:10 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel VIII “Turkey: Civil Society, Gender, and Civil-Military Relations”**

*Civil Disobedience as a Tool to Strengthen Constitutional Order: The Case of Post-1960 Movements in Turkey*

**Peri Uran** (Turkey), Hacettepe University (periuran2@yahoo.com)

*Representation of the Turkish State's Incorporation of Civil Society as a Democratic Move: A Gramscian Critique*

**Yesim Erdogan** (Turkey), Ankara University (yesimer@hotmail.com)

*Domestic Security Threats and Civil-Military Relations: Turkish Military's Role in Counterinsurgency Policy Making*

**Ozlem Kayhan Pusane** (USA), University of Notre Dame (okayhan@nd.edu)

*Moderator: Mehmet Ali Dogan* (USA)

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*Discussant: Levent Koker* (Turkey)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – 7:10 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel IX “Analyses of Human Security and Gender in Central Asia and Iraq: Socioeconomic Development, Women and Peace”**

*Educational Development in Afghanistan: Facilitating the Special Needs of Women and Girls*

**Zohra Yaqub** (USA), University of Arizona (zyaqub@email.arizona.edu)

*The Value of Women's Rights as a Tool for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Democratization in Central Asia and Middle East*

**Robert F. Norton** (USA), Utah Valley State College (phdbob@hotmail.com)

*Women's Issues in Muslim Countries*

**Farid Younos** (USA), California State University-East Bay (Younos@sbcglobal.net)

*The Gendered Health Effects of War: Iraq as a Case Study*

**Tamara Diane Drenttel** (USA), University of Arizona (drenttel@email.arizona.edu)

*Women and Traditions in Kyrgyzstan*

**Tcholpon Akmatalieva** (USA), Brigham Young University  
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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – 7:10 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel X “Comparative Studies in Conflict Resolution”**

*Passing on the Knowledge about the ‘Cyprus Problem:’ The Institutionalization of Ethnic Conflict*

**Maria Anastasiou** (USA), University of South Carolina (maria@sc.edu)

*Instituting Peace: Third Party Principles and the Mitchell Effect*

**Shelley Deane** (USA), Bowdoin College (sdeane@bowdoin.edu)

*Interactive Models of Negotiation: The Palestinian-Israeli case*

**Sapir Handelman** (USA), Harvard University (handelma@fas.harvard.edu)

**Joel Pollak** (USA), Harvard University (jpollak@law.harvard.edu)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – 7:10 PM Room: Panorama East**

**Panel XI “From Islam to Islamism”**

*Abu-Hamid Al-Ghazali: A Complex Journey to Sufism*

**Souad T. Ali** (USA), Arizona State University (Souad.Ali@asu.edu)

*Islam, Islamist, Islamism: The Placement of Sayyid Qutb’s Milestones in (Post)Modernity*

**Nathan French** (USA), Washington University in St. Louis (nsfrench00@gmail.com)

*How ‘Islamic’ are Islamic Banks?*


**Feisal Khan** (USA), Hobart and William Smith Colleges (khan@hws.edu)

*Moderator: Jena Karim* (Canada)

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*Discussant: Kemal Silay* (USA)

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**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM Room: Union Theatre**

**Film: *Projecting Culture: Perceptions of Arab and American films* (Carroll Hodge, 27 min., 2006)**

How much can we truly learn about a culture from its films? Twelve students discuss American and Arab films in light of September 11 and war in the Middle East. The students come from a variety of backgrounds; Arab and American; Muslim, Christian and Jewish. Through their passionate debate, we learn how the same film characters and storylines can be interpreted in radically different ways. Can something as simple as watching and talking about films temper the culture clash between American and the Arab world?

**THURSDAY September 6<sup>th</sup> 7:15 PM – 10:00 PM**

**Utah Museum of Fine Arts**

**DINNER 7:15 PM- 8:30 PM Utah Museum of Fine Arts (patio)**

*Middle Eastern Cuisine- catered by Mazza*

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**8:30 PM- 10:00 PM Utah Museum of Fine Arts**





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**REGISTRATION – Union Building 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 10:10 AM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XII “Turkey: Representations of Islam in Public Sphere”**

*The Islamic Headscarf and Women's Subjectivity in Turkey: Being Modern in a Muslim Way?*

**Zeynep Akbulut Kuru** (USA), University of Washington  
(zeynep@u.washington.edu)

*Shifting Discourses in Turkish Islamist Thinking*

**Sena Karasipahi** (USA), Texas A&M University (skarasipahi@hotmail.com)

*Understanding the Increasing Islamic Visibility in Turkey: Democratizing Muslim Subjects*

**Ensar Nisanci** (Turkey), Halic University (ensar\_nisanci@hotmail.com)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 10:10 AM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XIII “Regime Transitions and Conflict in Central Asia”**

*Authoritarian Transition: Formal Institutions and State Consolidation in Turkmenistan, 2006-2007*

**Jason E. Strakes** (USA), Claremont Graduate University (jason.strakes@cgu.edu)

*A Comparative Study of the Development of Democracy in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan and Armenia*

**Ladislav Maurice** (Canada), Independent Consultant (ladislasmaurice@hotmail.com)

**Jean Gabriel Maurice** (Kazakhstan), Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research (jgmaurice@hotmail.com)

*The Middle-Easternization of Central Asia and the Caucasus: Possible Conflicts and Prospective Solutions*

**Murat Cemrek** (Turkey), Selcuk University (cemrek@yahoo.com)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 10:10 AM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XIV “Terrorism, the State and International Security”**

*Recent Counterterrorism Efforts in Saudi Arabia: Rehabilitation, Re-education, and Reintegration*

**Christopher Boucek** (USA), Princeton University (cboucek@princeton.edu)

*Terrorism, Counter-terrorism and State Violence*

**Michael Andrew Berger** (United Kingdom), University of St. Andrews (Mb432@st-andrews.ac.uk)

*Risky Business: The Risks Associated with Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in the Asia Pacific*

**Zoe Ruth Lester** (Australia), University of Sydney (zlester@kordamentha.com)

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**Panel XV “Iran – United States Relations: The Nuclear Issue, Diplomacy and Implications on Regional Politics”**

*Transformational Diplomacy and the New Public Diplomacy Debate: The Case of Iran*

**Foad Izadi** (USA), Louisiana State University (fizadi1@lsu.edu)

*Russia and the West: the Iranian Nuclear Issue*

**Ekaterina Svyatets** (USA), University of Southern California, Los Angeles (svyatets@usc.edu)

*The Implications of United States-India Engagement on Indo-Iranian Relations*

**Yentzu Chen** (USA), Florida International University (ychen002@fiu.edu)

**Seyed Hamidreza Serri** (USA), Florida International University (sh.serri@fiu.edu)

“One Cannot Communicate, Unless You are the United States and Iran: A Tentative Proposal to Initiate Diplomatic Relationship with Iran”

**Lindsay Calhoun** (USA), Illinois College (lnzc\_2000@yahoo.com)

*Moderator:* **David Mastro** (USA)

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*Discussant:* **John Miglietta** (USA)

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**Coffee Break 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM**



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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 10:20 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**Room: Saltair**

Plenary Presentation

*Why the War on Terrorism Goes South?*

**Professor Robert Pape**, University of Chicago

*Introduction:*

**Prof. Steven Lobell**, University of Utah

**Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM**

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**Friday prayer 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM** - Friday service is held at *Union Den* (on the first floor across the Copy Center). The sermon starts at 1:30 PM.

**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:40 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XVI “Minorities and Human Rights”**

*The Plight of Egypt’s Coptic Christian Minority in Historical and Political Contexts*

**Max Guirguis** (USA), Shepherd University (mguirguis@myway.com)

*A Deeper Dialogue: Considering ‘Human Rights’ and ‘Democracy’ Discourse Through the In-between Spaces of Armenia’s NGOs*

**Sossi Essajanian** (USA), New School University for Social Research (essas733@newschool.edu)

*Culture and Identity in Turkish Gypsies: The Case of Rom, Dom and Lom Groups*

**Suat Kolukirik** (Turkey), Suleyman Demirel University (suatkolukirik@yahoo.com)


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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:40 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XVII “Polity, State and Society in the Gulf: A Case Study of Kuwait”**

*Women’s Participation in the Political Processes of the Gulf Region*

**Muhammad Husain Ali** (Kuwait), Kuwait University (alyusefi@hotmail.com)

*Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Globalization in the Gulf States: A Case Study of Kuwait*

**Fahad Al Naser** (Kuwait), Kuwait University (alnaser1956@hotmail.com)

*The Kuwaiti Diwaniyyat: Origins in Imaginative Retrospection*

**James Redman** (USA), University of Utah (james.redman@anthro.utah.edu)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:40 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XVIII “Nation Building: Historical and Modern Reflections”**

*Post-Colonial Sovereignty in the Post-9/11 Era*

**Hena Tyyebi** (Canada), York University (htyyebi@yorku.ca)

*The Impact of Sherif Hussein's Revolt on the Nation-building Processes of Turks and Arabs*

**Muhammed Talha Cicek** (Turkey), Sakarya University (talhacicek@gmail.com)

*Making Peasants into Citizens: Land Reform Policy in Nasser’s Egypt*

**Kristin S. Tassin** (USA), University of Texas at Austin (kst@georgetown.edu)

*The Nationalist Aspirations of Iraqi Shi`is: The Case against a Three-state Solution for Iraq*

**Lloyd Mendes** (USA), University of Utah (mendes\_lloyd@hotmail.com)

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**Coffee Break 3:40 PM – 3:55 PM**



**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 5:40 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XIX “Turkey: Secularism, Democracy and Kemalism Reconsidered”**

*How Secular was Turkey’s Secularization? Ziya Gökalp and Islamic Fiqh*

**Nurullah Ardic** (USA), University of California, Los Angeles  
(ardicnur@hotmail.com)

*Muslim Society and the Secular State: Turkey between the French and American Models*

**Ahmet Kuru** (USA), San Diego State University (akuru@mail.sdsu.edu)

*Kemalism and the Future of Democracy in Turkey*

**Levent Koker** (Turkey), Gazi University (leventkoker@yahoo.com)

*Turkey’s Conservative “Secularism” and Reformist “Islamism” : Towards a Paradigm Shift?*

**Hasan Kosebalaban** (USA), Michigan State University (htk70@msu.edu)

*Moderator: Kemal Silay* (USA)

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*Discussant: Hakan Yavuz* (USA)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 5:40 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XX “Eurasian Politics: External Actors, Regional Organizations, and Regional Integration”**

*The Role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the Future of Eurasia*

**Baris Adibelli** (Turkey), Ankara University (adibelli@politics.ankara.edu.tr)

*Potential Benefits of Cooperation in Attracting FDI in Central Asian Countries*

**Saule Sagandykova** (Kazakhstan), Kazakh-British Technical University  
(ssaule@mail.ru)

*Turkmenistan’s Energy Potential: Geopolitical Risks and Opportunities*

**Saltanat Berdikeeva** (USA), Eurasia21/DavisManafort, Inc  
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*Could MECA Gas Exporters Turn GECF into a Cartel?*


**Vladimir Yurievitch Kukushkin** (Russia), Russian Academy of Sciences  
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*Discussant: Lasha Tchantouridze* (Canada)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 5:40 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XXI “Multifaceted Dimensions of the Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon: Education, Property Rights and Identity”**

*Achieving Primary Universal Education for All: The Case of Lebanon*

**Carine Allaf** (USA), University California, Los Angeles (allaf3@yahoo.com)

*Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon: What Identity and Which Nationality?*

**Daniel Meier** (Switzerland), Geneva University (Daniel.meier@iued.unige.ch)

*Forming Institutions in Fouda: Property Rights Formation Among Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon*

**Nadya Hajj Parks** (USA), Emory University (nadya.hajj@gmail.com)

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*Discussant: Eric Hooglund* (USA)

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Room: OSH Building Auditorium**

**Film: *Kilometer Zero*** (Hiner Saleem, 96 min., 2005)

A story of ethnic conflict between Kurds and Iraqis in the context of the war between Iraq and Iran in the 1980s. The central story of the film is set at a time when Kurds were conscripted to serve in the Iraqi army, where they were brutally abused, as a despised minority in Saddam Hussein's military. *Kilometre Zero* pairs a Kurdish soldier, under orders to return the body of a dead soldier to his family, with an Iraqi taxi driver who will drive them cross-country to the dead soldier's home. Scenes between the men, in the close quarters of their truck, are interwoven with scenes of often comic incompetence of Iraqi soldiers and officers.

**Coffee Break 5:40 PM – 5:55 PM**

**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XXII “Muslim Minorities and Diasporas in the West”**

*The Mezquita at Cordoba: Spain as Contested Space*

**Eric Andrew McCoy** (USA), University of Arizona (emccoy@email.arizona.edu)

*The Islamic Veil in Europe: Legal Treatment of the Question*

**Rebeca Vázquez Gómez** (Spain), University of A Coruña (mrvago@mundo-r.com)

*A Little Middle East in North America: The Identity Politics of Muslim Community in Salt Lake Valley*

**Haider Bhuiyan** (USA), University of Utah (haider.bhuiyan.2@m.cc.utah.edu)

*The Gulen Community in the DC Metropolitan Area*

**Sonay Kanber** (USA) Georgetown University (sk468@georgetown.edu)



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**Discussant: Ahmet Kuru (USA)**  
San Diego State University (akuru@mail.sdsu.edu)

**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XXIII “Kurdish Minorities and Kurdish Nationalism”**

*An Overview of Kurds in Post-Soviet Countries*

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*State Policies toward the Kurdish Minority in Iraq and Turkey*

**Muna A. Ali (USA)**, Purdue University (ali@polsci.purdue.edu)

*Turkey’s Challenge with the Kurds: Is Civic Nationalism the Way to Address Kurdish Cultural and Political Demands?*

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**FRIDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XXIV “Turkey: Turkish Foreign Policy”**

*Europeanization as a Conflict Preventing- Peace Generating Factor: The Case of Turkish-Greek Relations*

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*Making Foreign Policy in the Streets: “No to War” Campaigns in Turkey at the Brink of the War in Iraq*

**Baris Kesgin (USA)**, University of Kansas (bkesgin@ku.edu)

*Islam in Turkish and Iranian Foreign Policy*

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*Learning Strategic Depth: Implications of Turkey’s New Foreign Policy Doctrine*

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**Dinner:**

You may dine out with your fellow participants at downtown restaurants and pubs.

**THURSDAY September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM**  
**Room: Utah Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium**

*The Shia Sunni Conflict*  
*and*

*The Politics of Change in the Middle East*

**Prof. Vali Nasr, Naval Postgraduate School**

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTRATION – Union Building 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XXV “Roundtable on Turkish Politics after the July 22, 2007 Elections”**

*The Roots of the Transformation in Turkey*

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*Social, Economic and Political Determinants of Turkish Voter Choice in the 2007 Parliamentary Election*

**Ali T. Akarca** (USA), University of Illinois at Chicago (akarca@uic.edu)

*Turkey and the EU: Common Expectations, Different Interests?*

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XXVI “State-Society Relations, Democracy and Political Reforms in the Middle East”**

*Energy Prices and Political Reform in the Middle East: A Closer Look*

**Steve Townsend** (Australia), Macquarie University (st@recognition.com.au)

*The Impact of US Policy on Democracy and Political Reform in the Arab World: Jordan as a Case Study*

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*Syria in Microcosm: The Concept of Society in the Syrian Social Nationalist Party*

**Natalie Corey Knazik** (Israel), Tel Aviv University (ncknazik@gmail.com)

*Political Reforms, Monarchy and Economic Development in Morocco*

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XXVII “Post-conflict Stabilization and Harm Reduction: Perspectives from Central Asia”**

*Between Reconstruction and Conflict Management: Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan*

**Lasha Tchantouridze** (Canada), University of Manitoba  
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*3-D Soviet Style: Lessons Learned from Soviet Experience in Afghanistan*

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*Harm Undone: Potential for Harm Reduction Approaches to Influence Political and Social Change in Central Asia*

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM Room: Panorama East**

**Panel XXVIII “Palestinian Politics: Between Conflict and Economic Imperatives”**

*R&D Institutions and Techno-Nationalism as a Palestinian Strategy*

**Christopher Khoury** (USA), Ohio State University (khoury.chris@gmail.com)

*What is Worth not to Solve the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict?*

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*Hamas in Gaza and the New Challenges*

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*Islamic Jihad: A Wild Card in Palestinian Politics?*


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**Coffee Break 10:40 AM – 11:00 AM**

**SATURDAY September 8th 11:10 AM – 12:40 PM**  
**Room: Saltair**

Plenary Presentation

*Islamic Civilization in the Russian Empire:  
Lessons for the Modern Muslim World?*

**Prof. Uli Schamiloglu**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Introduction:*

**Prof. Hakan Yavuz**, University of Utah

**Lunch 12:45 PM – 2:20 PM**, Served on the Union Patio (Pizza and Burritos!)

**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Collegiate**

**Panel XXIX “Middle East between Democracy, Monarchy and Human Rights”**

*In the Name of the People: The Complexities of Representation in Lebanon and Jordan*

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*Parochialization of Democracy: Perception of Democracy as a Western Norm in the Middle East*

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*Turning the Corner: A Critical Examination of the Recent Challenges, Responses and Future Outlook for the Syrian Regime*

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Ballroom East**

**Panel XXX “Muslim Experiences with Modernity, Secularism and Globalization”**

*Islam and Political Culture: The Case of Pakistan 1958-1988*

**Jena Karim** (Canada), McGill University (jena.karim@mail.mcgill.ca)

*From Muslim to Atheist: The Trend Toward Secularism in Iran*

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*The Idea of Modernity in Middle-Eastern and Turkish Studies*

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**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM Room: Ballroom West**

**Panel XXXI “Special Panel: Analytical Approaches to Middle East / Central Asia IR”**

*“The Great Game” Revisited: U.S. Foreign Policy in the South Caucasus*

**David Mastro** (USA), West Virginia University (dmastro@mix.wvu.edu)

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*The Nagorno-Karabagh Dispute: A Game -Theoretic Analysis*

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*Boundary Conditions and Teleology: Lebanon and the Palestinian Territories as an Illustration of the World*

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*Do Transnational Terrorist Groups Have a “home” in International Relations Theory?*

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**Coffee Break 4:10 PM – 4:30 PM**



**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM Room: Union Theatre**

**Film: *Bucuk (A Half)* (Huseyin Arus and Elmas Arus, 74 min., 2007)**

*Bucuk* offers an in-depth analysis of an alternative lifestyle that is considered as a “different” element of Turkey’s social fabric, which is often overlooked because of popular myths and limited knowledge into the Gypsy communities. Besides drawing attention to the “Gypsy Reality,” *Bucuk* seeks to go beyond an observatory approach and participate in the daily lives of the Gypsies in Turkey. It offers answers from “inside” to numerous questions about gypsies, and contributes to an unbiased understanding of this important component of Turkey’s cultural mosaic in its entirety.

**Note:** Dr. Suat Kolukirik, the academic advisor of the film, will be available to respond to the questions about the film.

**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 04:40 PM – 06:30 PM**

**Room: Saltair**

Roundtable Discussion

*Middle East after the Iraq War*

**Prof. Eric Hooglund**, Bates College

**Prof. Robert Olson**, University of Kentucky

**Prof. Peter Sluglett**, University of Utah

**Moderator: Prof. Hakan Yavuz**, University of Utah

**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Room: OSH Building Auditorium**

**Film: *Enough!* (Djamila Sahraoui, 94 min., 2006)**

Set in war-torn Algeria in the 1990s, *Enough!* follows two women on the dangerous search for the younger woman's husband, a journalist whose writings resulted in his disappearance. Both women represent anachronisms in Islamist Algeria: the younger woman is a doctor, the older a nurse with vivid memories of Algeria's fight for independence. Ignoring curfews and the constant threat of ambush by armed militias, the two women challenge the men they encounter to accept them and help them with their search. Their journey leads them across the picturesque landscapes of Algeria, to a deeper understanding of how their lives were shaped by their country's history.



**SATURDAY September 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**Utah Museum of Fine Arts**

**DINNER 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM Utah Museum of Fine Arts (patio)**  
*Middle Eastern Cuisine- catered by Mazza*

followed by *Middle Eastern & Central Asian Dance Extravaganza*  
Lloyd Miller and Katherine St. John(USA)

**8:45 PM- 10:00 PM Utah Museum of Fine Arts**

**SUNDAY September 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM PICNIC**

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