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Zahira Kamal and Naomi Chazan to Speak at the UW



Naomi Chazan

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2005
7:30 P.M.
KANE HALL
ROOM 130
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the public*



Zahira Kamal

IN partnership with Seattle's Find Common Ground organization, the Middle East Center will sponsor an evening lecture on October 23, 2005 featuring Naomi Chazan and Zahira Kamal—two extraordinary women who are working toward developing progressive civil societies in Israel and Palestine. The evening event will be moderated by KIRO Radio's Dave Ross.

NAOMI CHAZAN now heads the School of Society and Politics at the Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo after completing a year as the first Robert Wilhelm Fellow at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor Chazan served three terms in the Knesset (1992-2003), where she

was Deputy Speaker and a member, among others, of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. A professor of political science (emerita) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she chaired the Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Naomi Chazan has written extensively on comparative politics, African politics, the Arab-Israel conflict, and women and peace.

ZAHIRA KAMAL is currently the General Director of the Directorate for Gender Planning and Development at the Palestinian Ministry of Planning. In this capacity she initiated the establishment of the Inter-ministerial Coordinating Committee for the Advancement of Palestinian

Women. She was among the Founders and is presently the Foreign Affairs Director of the Palestinian Federation of Women's Action, a member of the Women's Affairs Technical Committee, and member on the boards of both Israeli and Palestinian Networking and the Jerusalem Link, two cooperating women's centers in East and West Jerusalem.

Sponsors of this event include: School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, The Episcopal Diocese of Western Washington, PNW Conference of the United Methodist Church – Peace with Justice Commission, University Temple United Methodist Church, US Inter-Religious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, *B'rit Tzedek v'Shalom* – Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Mercer Island.☞

Middle East Center Partners with Information School to Design an Information Portal to the Middle East

AMERICAN interest in the Middle East has increased dramatically since 9/11, but the information available to Americans to judge what is happening in the region has not expanded to meet the demand.

To begin to address this paucity of information, the Middle East Center, in partnership with the UW's Information School, has been awarded a grant from the US Department of State to design and test an Internet-based English-language information portal to the Middle East.

The information portal will address the critical need of providing English-language translation of major Arab-language media through web-based technology. The project will evaluate the feasibility of providing access to satellite television emanating from Egypt and the Arab Emirates. With the dramatic rise of public discourse in the Arab world via talk show formats and breaking news coverage, the entire terrain of freedom of expression is swiftly changing and allowing valuable avenues for better insights and understanding of the Arab world. The goal of the information portal is to make it possible through English-language translations of current programming for Americans to begin to understand the broad range of Arab opinion and discourse without having to consult academic or politically-motivated gatekeepers.

The project will further begin to create links between American and Arab academics studying the media and will enable exchanges between members of the American and Arab media communities.

Principle investigators of the project are Ellis Goldberg, Director, Middle East Center, and Michael Eisenberg, Dean, School of Information. ↻

Center to Host Saudi Delegation in November

THE Middle East Center, Global Business Center, the Law School, the Information School, and the Department of Communications will host a delegation of Saudi academics, researchers, consultants, and administrators on November 14-15, 2005. This event will provide a valuable opportunity for UW faculty, administrators, and the local community to gain insights into the society, politics, and culture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Among the participants will be:

Saleh A. Al-Mani, Dean, College of Administrative Sciences, King Saud University; Othman Al-Rawaf, Consultant, Ministry of Higher Education; Ibrahim Albaezy, Mass Communications, King Saud University; Sulaiman Alsakran, Finance & Economics, King Fahd University; Fadia Saud Al-Saleh, Dean, Prince Sultan Private College for Women; Fahad Aldosary, Economic Consultant, Ministry of Higher Education; Ilham Al-Dakheel, CEO, Asrary Educational Incubator.

United State Institute of Peace Awards Grant to Center to Develop Protocols for Victims of Post Traumatic Stress in Israel and Palestine

THE Middle East Center has been awarded a two-year grant from the United States Institute of Peace for a project titled: "Pathways of Hope in the Residue of Violent Conflict: Confronting Psychological Trauma in the Middle East." This innovative project aims to diminish the self-perpetuating cycle of violent death in Palestine and Israel by providing culturally-specific therapies for surviving disabled loved ones and family members. Using the framework of post-traumatic stress protocols developed at the Virginia Mason Medical Center in combination with regionally specific input from Palestinian and Israeli

clinicians, clergy and local caregivers, the project will provide a knowledge base and skill set to manage the long-term disability associated with violent death in both populations.

The project will provide local training sessions in Israel and Palestine, with follow-up training in Seattle. End products will include clinical protocols, teaching manuals (in English, Hebrew, and Arabic), and the establishment of stable teleconferencing to communicate across resistant borders.

Principle Investigators for this project are Ellis Goldberg, Director, Middle East Center; and Edward K. Rynearson, Medical Director, Virginia Mason Medical Center-Seattle, Separation and Loss Services. ↻

FLORIAN SCHWARZ

Middle East Historian Joins Faculty at the UW

JOINING the faculty of the Department of History this fall as an assistant professor is Florian Schwarz, a specialist in Middle East history. Schwarz received his doctorate in Islamic and Iranian Studies at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

His research interests in social, cultural, and economic history of the Middle East span the medieval to early modern periods. He has received grants for work on 17th and 18th century Arabic literary culture, urban centers in

the khanate/emirate of Bukhara, 16th-20th centuries; and Central Asian Muslim hagiographies. He has recently been working on the study of religious learning and production of knowledge in Muslim societies focused on a circle of religious scholars in 17th-century Medina. His future research directions include a comparative study of anti-colonial jihad movements between 1830 and 1930 with case studies from Libya, Algeria, and Central Asia.



Florian Schwarz

New Video and DVD Resources Available from the Middle East Center

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Byzantium, Islam, and the Crusades. 18 min., 1998. DVD. grades 7-12. Using maps, location shots, period art, and narration, this succinct program summarizes events around the Mediterranean between 330 and 1453 A. D. (suitable for middle school and high-school levels).

The Crusades Timeline, October 2, 1187. 30 min. DVD. Brief look at the events leading up to Saladin's

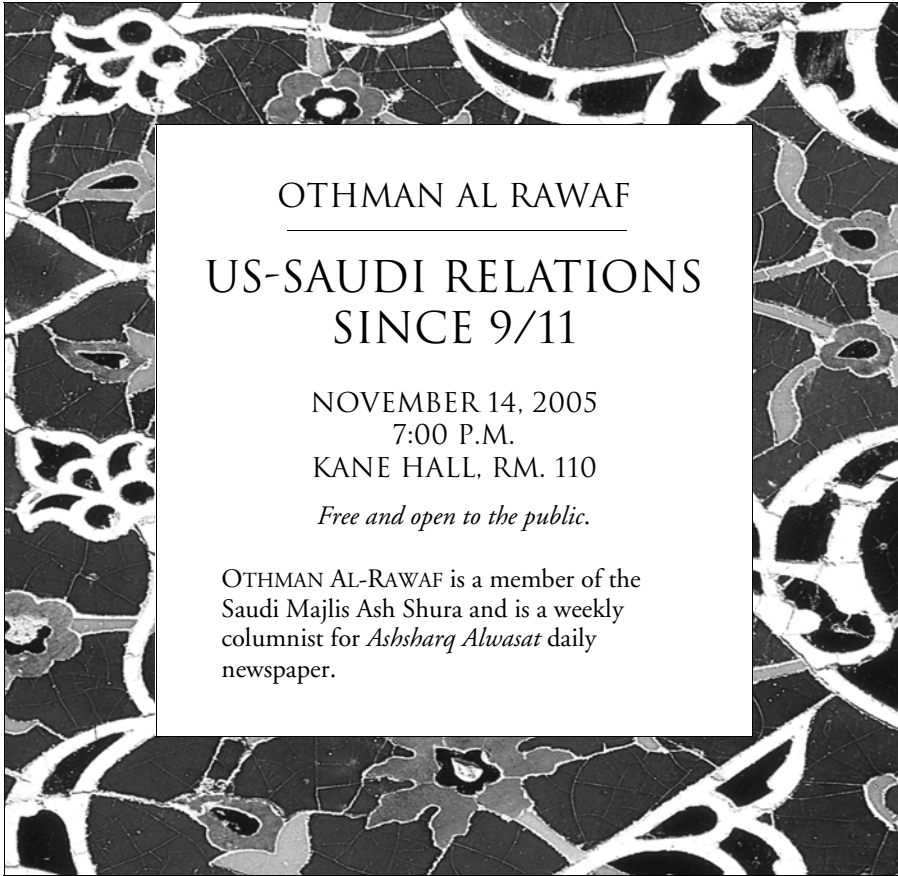
victory over the crusaders at Jerusalem.

Death of a Princess. DVD. 120 min., 2005 (originally released in 1980). A docu-drama recounting the public execution for adultery of a young Saudi Arabian princess, which caused vehement protests from the Saudi government when originally broadcast. PBS: Frontline.

The Ottoman Empire, 1280-

1683. 26 min. DVD. The powerful sultans of the early Ottoman empire are profiled in this short work.

The Siege of Constantinople. 25 min., 1995. In 1453 Sultan Mehmet, leader of the Muslim world, breached the walls of Constantinople with a new weapon, the cannon. His victory led to the creation of the Ottoman Empire, which flourished for 500 years. Vol. 6 of *History's Turning Points* series.



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The Rise of the Turkic World

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Free and open to the public

HUGH POPE currently runs the news bureau in Istanbul for the *Wall Street Journal* and he has been a reporter for the *Independent*, *Los Angeles Times*, BBC, and Reuters. He is the author of *Sons of the Conquerors: The Rise of the Turkic World* (Overlook Press, 2005) and co-author with Nicole Pope of *Turkey Unveiled: A History of Modern Turkey* (Overlook Press, 1998).

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