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PRE-FALL SEMINAR ON ISLAM AT UW

The Middle East Center at the University of Washington invites you to attend a one-day seminar on the topic: ISLAM, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. The program, which will take place in Thomson Hall, Room 101, on September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., has been designed to provide basic information about the Islamic faith as well as information about the connection between Islam in politics and society. Our excellent speakers are all highly regarded both for their scholarly qualifications and their speaking ability. The day's events also include a videotape on ISLAM IN AMERICA, a lunch, and teaching materials. We will be giving a set of materials on Islam to each school represented by a teacher or librarian. The materials are worth well over \$50; the registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch.... Plan now to attend this timely seminar. PLEASE REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME. For further information, contact Charlotte Albright, (206) 543-4227.

PROGRAM:

8:15-8:45 am Coffee, tea, rolls

8:45-9:00 Words of welcome. Charlotte Albright, Assistant Director, Middle East Center, UW

9:00-10:00 ISLAM: BASIC PRECEPTS, BASIC HISTORY. Jere L. Bacharach

10:00-11:00 ISLAMIC LAW IN THE CONTEXT OF MODERN EGYPT. Farhat J. Ziadeh

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 THE POLITICS OF POSTREVOLUTIONARY IRAN. Said A. Arjomand

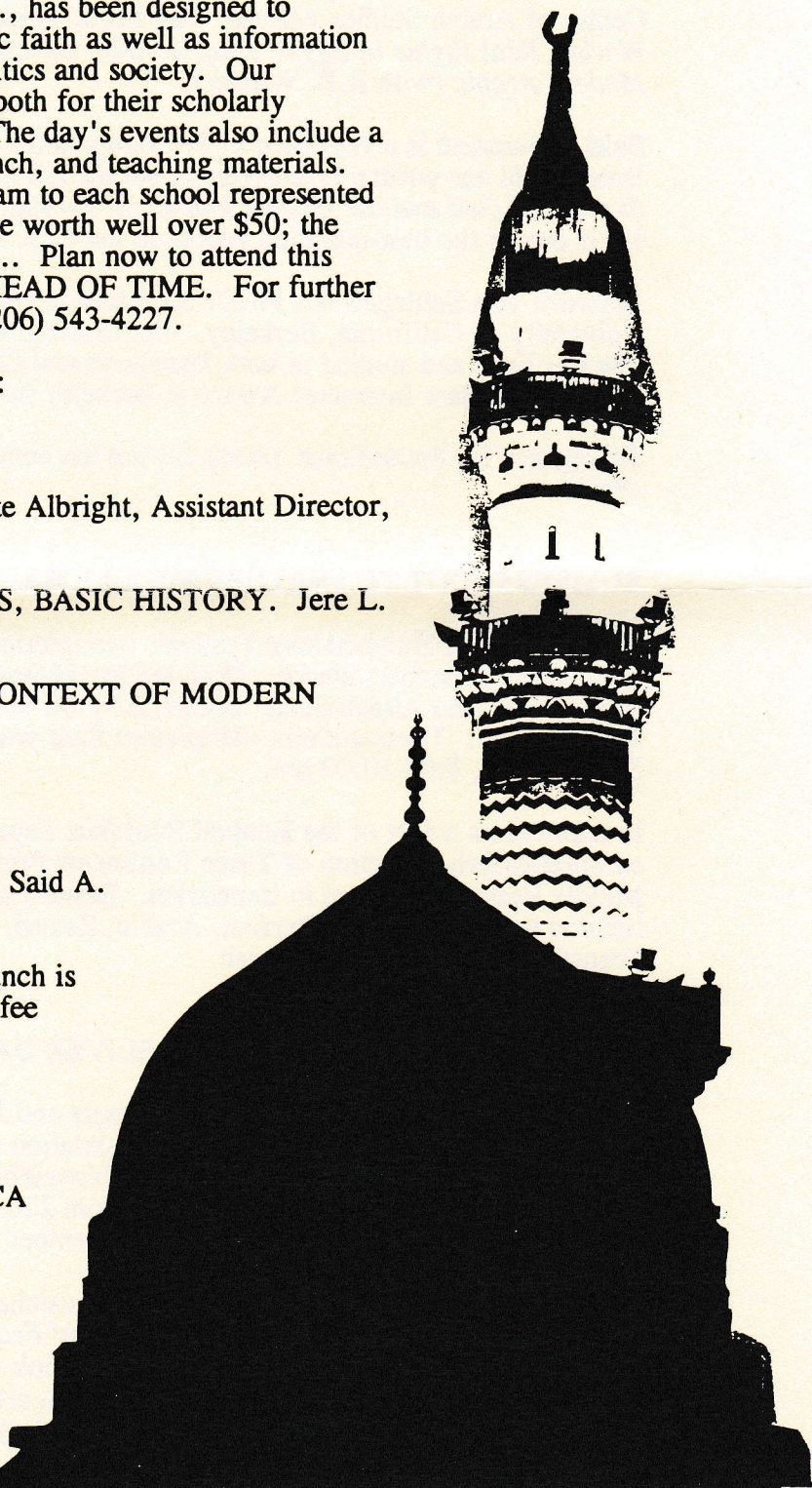
12:15-1:30 pm Lunch: Middle Eastern lunch is provided as part of the registration fee

1:30-2:30 THREE SUFI WOMEN IN CONTEMPORARY DAMASCUS. Barbara von Schlegell

2:30-3:30 Video: ISLAM IN AMERICA

3:30-3:45 Wrap up and evaluation

We gratefully acknowledge the additional financial support of the U.S. Outreach Fund of the Middle East Institute and the donation of teaching materials from The International Institute of Islamic Thought.



About the speakers:

Jere Bacharach is a Professor of history and Director of the Middle East Center at the UW, specializing in Islamic history, coins and art. He has just completed a year's sabbatical research in Cairo. Among his numerous books and articles is *The Middle East Studies Handbook*.

Farhat J. Ziadeh is a Professor Emeritus in Near Eastern languages and civilization and Islamic law. He has taught both Arabic and Islamic law at the UW. He has also directed the Center of Arabic Studies Abroad. His major works include *Law of Property in the Arab World: Real Rights in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria* and *An Introduction to Modern Arabic* (with R.B. Winder).

Said Arjomand is a Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has written extensively about the Islamic Republic of Iran in books, such as *The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam* and *Turban for the Crown: Islamic Revolution in Iran*. He is one of the best-qualified people in the U.S. to speak on the Islamic government of Iran.

Barbara von Schlegell is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation topic is Sufism in Ottoman-Arab lands. She has lived and studied in both Damascus and Cairo. She has received the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award at Berkeley two different years.

To register for the seminar, please fill out the coupon on the back page and mail with your check.

BUMBERSHOOT TO FEATURE MIDDLE EASTERN AUTHORS

As a part of the Bumbershoot Festival, two internationally famous Middle Eastern writers will read and discuss their works. They are Dr. Nawal El Sadaawi, Egyptian novelist, psychiatrist, and activist; and Abdelrahman Munif, a Syrian author renowned for his monumental trilogy *Cities of Salt*. These authors will present their work at the Bagley Wright Theater, Monday, September 6, 8:00-10:00 pm.

In addition as a part of the Festival Bookfair, September 3-6, Bumbershoot will present the comprehensive collection of Three Continents Press, the preeminent publisher of African and Middle Eastern literature in translation. Besides several very rare publications, the display will include translations from Persian, Arabic, Zazaki, Urdu, Armenian, Turkish, Afrikaans, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

DISSIDENT IRAQI AUTHOR TO DELIVER DANZ LECTURES

Iraqi author Kenan Makiya will be the Jessie and John Danz Lecturer at the UW this fall. His lectures on the general topic "Crafting Toleration in Contemporary Arab-Muslim Discourse" will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, Thursday, November 18, and Monday, November 22, in Kane Hall, Room 220. All lectures are free. You may call the Middle East Center (206-543-4227) in November for the individual lecture titles.

Mr. Makiya caught the eye of Middle East watchers with his scathing criticism of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq his book *Republic of Fear: The Politics of Modern Iraq*, written under the pseudonym Samir al-Khalil. The book was published in 1989, a few months before Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. Mr. Makiya, an architect by training, delivered a lecture here in 1992 entitled "The Monument: Memory, Mastery, Mourning" at a lecture series sponsored

by the Center for the Humanities. People who heard this lecture characterized it as "splendid" and "the best, most moving, most eloquent academic lecture I have ever heard." His most recent books have been *The Monument: Art, Vulgarity, and Responsibility* (1991), *Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny and Uprising in the Arab World* (1992), and *Intolerant Cities*.

IRANIAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT UW

Nahid Rachlin, author of three fictional works about the lives and loves of Iranians and Americans, will speak at the UW and Elliott Bay Book Company on Monday, November 22. She will discuss "Writing and the Creative Process" at 3:30 p.m., Thomson Hall, Room 235, UW. The same evening at 7:30 p.m. she will read from her novel *Married to a Stranger*, which was recently reprinted in paperback. Her other books are a novel, *Foreigner*, and a set of short stories, *Veils*.

NEW UW PRESS BOOKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Two new books on the Middle East will be published by the University of Washington Press in September. All the books can be ordered through your local book dealer. The first, *Rules and Rights in the Middle East: Democracy, Law, and Society*, co-edited by Ellis Goldberg, Reşat Kasaba, and Joel S. Migdal, all faculty members at the UW, is a collection of essays based on papers delivered at a conference on Democratic Movements and Representative Governments in the Middle East, which took place here in 1992. The second *Twilight of Majesty, The Reigns of the Mamluk Sultans al-Ashraf Qaytbay and Qansuh al Ghawri in Egypt*, by Carl F. Petry, is a biographical survey of Egypt's last prominent medieval rulers. Prof. Petry teaches history at Northwestern University.



Another new publication is *Images of Sephardi and Eastern Jewries in Transition: The Teachers of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, 1860-1939*, by Aron Rodrigue. The book concerns the vast network of schools in Jewish communities in Muslim lands stretching from Morocco to Iran. This book will be published in December. Prof. Rodrigue teaches history at Stanford University.

UW OFFERS NEW PH.D. DEGREE IN NEAR AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

There are now six students enrolled in a new Ph.D. program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies established in 1992-93. The program is interdisciplinary and housed in the Graduate School. Students may choose to work with faculty from more than a dozen different Arts and

Sciences departments. Core faculty are based in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, History, Political Science, International Studies, and Music.

This new Ph.D. is designed for students wishing to pursue research with a comparative perspective in Near Eastern languages and literature, Near Eastern linguistics, Islamic topics such as Islamic law, history, institutions, theology, and mysticism, or interdisciplinary investigations of modern topics using the social sciences. For further information and application materials, you may contact Student Services, Jackson School of International Studies, 111 Thomson Hall, DR-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. (206) 543-6001.

UW PERSIAN INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT

Dr. Donald L. Stilo of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization and Dr. Paul Aoki of the Language Learning Center both at the UW have been awarded a 29-month grant of approximately \$500,000 funded by the Critical Languages Institute of Florida A&M University to assist the federal government in the development of 600 hours of elementary language materials for use in government and first- and second-year university Persian classes. The materials will be based on the use of Dr. Stilo's text, *Spoken and Written Modern Persian*, and will be a supplement to and continuation of his textbook.

Dr. Stilo and Aoki plan to take advantage of the latest technological trends in language teaching by devising computer-generated learning activities, extensive listening comprehension materials, a newspaper/expository prose reader, a student workbook, a teacher's manual, and glossaries, as well as extensive annotation of cultural features of these materials. Original materials will also be audio- and videotaped with the help of the Iranian-American communities of Seattle and Portland.

ESSAY CONTEST ORGANIZED BY U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE

The U.S. Institute of Peace invites 9th-12th grade students to participate in the 1993-94 National Peace Essay Contest. The contest will take place from September 1, 1993 to February 1, 1994. Contestants will write a 1,500 word essay on a peace-related topic. Awards include over 150 scholarships (first-place winner receives a college scholarship of \$10,000). For contest information, contact the U.S. Institute of Peace, Educational and Training Program, 1550 M Street N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20077-2187.

NEW MATERIALS AT THE MIDDLE EAST RESOURCE CENTER (MERC)

You may borrow these materials free of charge by contacting the Middle East Center c/o of the address at the bottom of page 1. You may also request a complete listing of MERC materials on loan called the "Teaching Materials Resource Guide."

Teaching Materials:

"Government and Democracy in the Arab World," Robert Hurd, in *Arab World Almanac*, 1993. Includes article of same title and country profiles and maps of Arab countries (see sample). Published by AMIDEAST in Washington, D.C., there are now about 10 units on the Arab world (and some about the non-Arab world) in this excellent series. Secondary level.

"Iraq: The Cradle of Civilization," Compiled by Ann Barhoum, Vol. 33, No. 3 of *Najda Newsletter*, Feb.-Apr., 1993. Secondary level.

Stories from the Muslim World. Huda Khattab. Silver Burdett Press, New Jersey, 1987.

Stories for elementary age students about real and fictional people in the Muslim world.
Gift of Sandra Kelly.

The MERC has received several units, all for high school students and prepared by the University of Michigan with support from the U.S. Institute of Peace. They are:

Economic Inequality and Political Violence in the Middle East and North Africa

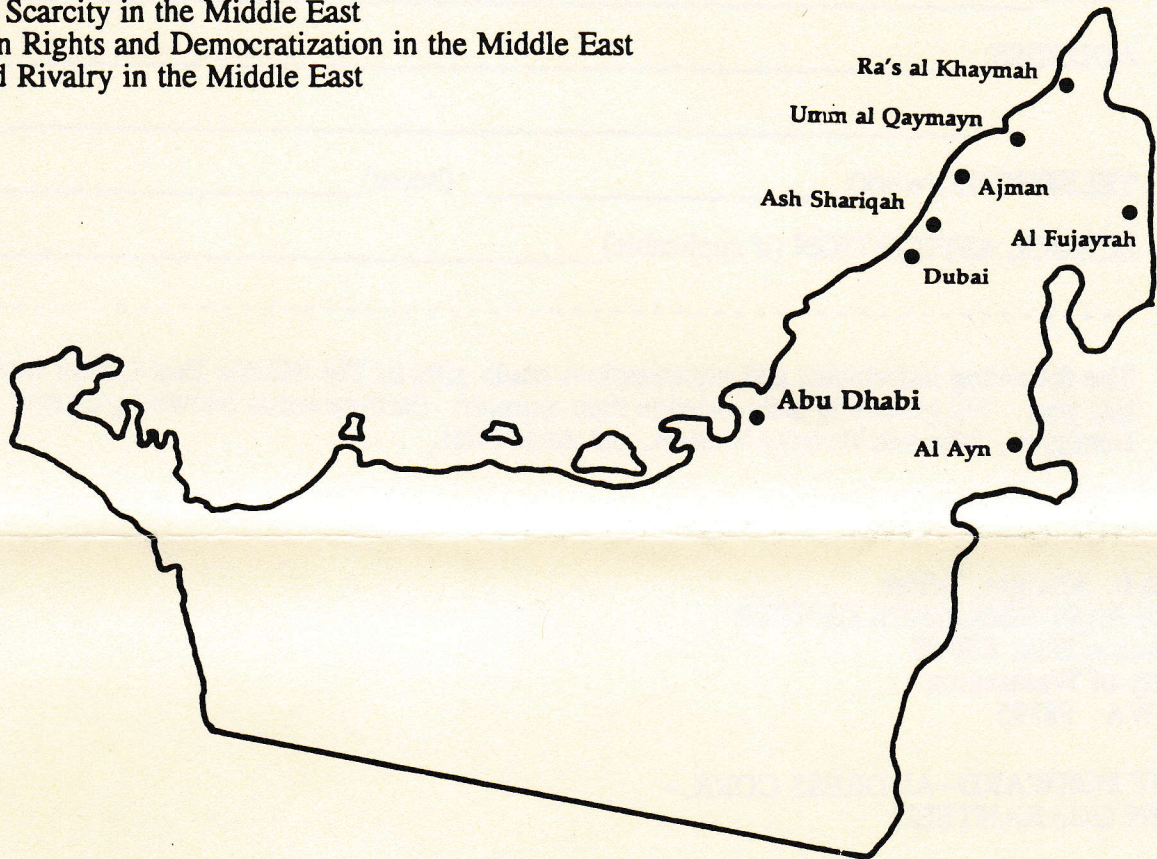
The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Religious Tensions in the Middle East

Water Scarcity in the Middle East

Human Rights and Democratization in the Middle East

Armed Rivalry in the Middle East



Official Name:	United Arab Emirates
Capital:	Abu Dhabi
Area:	83,600 km ²
Population:	2,389,759 (1991)
Major Cities:	Dubai, Ash Shariqah, Ajman, Umm al Qaymayn, Ra's al Khaymah, Al Fujayrah, Al Ayn
Major Ethnic Groups:	Emirian 19%, other Arab 23%, South Asian (fluctuating) 50%, other expatriates 8%. Less than 20% of population are UAE citizens.
Major Religions:	Muslim 96% (Shi'a 16%), Christian, Hindu, other 4%
Languages:	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
Per Capita GNP:	\$19,870 (1990)
Literacy Rate:	Not available

This map of the United Arab Emirates is one of many in the latest issue of Arab World Almanac (see above in New Materials).

Please mail your registration form and check to the Middle East Center, 225 Thomson Hall, DR-05, UW, Seattle, WA 98195.

Registration for seminar

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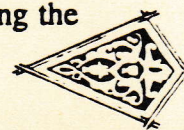
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