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UPCOMING EVENTS

This issue of the Middle East Newsletter will be devoted to listing a number of upcoming lectures at the University of Washington. All lectures are free unless otherwise noted.

January 13 3:30 p.m. MODERN ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURAL POLITICS IN EARLY REPUBLICAN TURKEY. Sibel Bozdagan, Architecture, MIT. Thomson Hall, Room 125. Prof. Bozdagan examines modern Turkish architecture within the context of contemporary Turkish culture and politics. She co-authored a book on Sedat Eldem, a famous 20th Turkish architect.

January 18 7:30 p.m. Two eminent scholars from the University of Texas, Ms. Elizabeth W. Fernea and Professor Robert Fernea, will give a dual presentation having to do with children and young people in the Middle East at 7:30 p.m. in Thomson Hall, Room 125.

Elizabeth Fernea: GENDER RELATION: THE NEXT GENERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Robert Fernea: THE ISSUES OF ADOPTION AND CUSTODY: ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE U.S.A.

The Ferneas have lived in the Middle East for over ten years out of the last 35 years of their professional lives. Both have made major contributions to our understanding of the people of the Middle East. Elizabeth Fernea's books include *Guest of the Sheik*, *A View of the Nile*, and *A Street in Marrakech*. She has also edited several volumes, including *Middle Eastern Muslim Women Speak* and *Women and the Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change*. She has worked as producer and writer for several films about the Middle East: *The Struggle for Peace: Israelis and Palestinians* (shown on PBS spring, 1992), *A Veiled Revolution*, *Women Under Siege*, and *The Price of Change* (early 1980s). Robert Fernea's books include *Nubians in Egypt: Peaceful People* and *Sheykh and Effendi: Changing Patterns of Authority in Southern Iraq*. The Ferneas have co-authored two books: *The Arab World: Personal Encounters* and *Nubian Ethnographies*.

The Ferneas have taught at the University of Washington as Visiting Scholars on two separate occasions. Since many people know them or have read their books, we scheduled this talk in the evening to give people off campus a chance to come and renew or make their acquaintance.

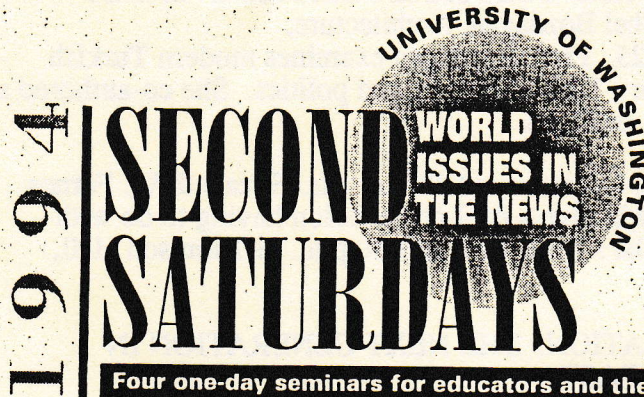
January 31 12:30 p.m. MARWANID MUSLIM ARCHITECTURE IN GREATER SYRIA (695-743). Jere Bacharach, History, UW. Denny Hall 215A. This lecture is part of the NELC Colloquium Series.

January 31 3:30 p.m. RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE JEWISH ETHNIC VOTE IN ISRAEL IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. Michael Shalev, Dept. of Sociology and Political Science, Hebrew University. Thomson Hall, Rm 331. Cosponsored by Political Science, MEC, and Jewish Studies.

February 7 3:30 p.m. THE HISTADRUT. Michael Shalev. See above for affiliation. Gowen Hall, Rm. 1B.

February 7 (Tentative!) **THE EVOLUTION OF JERUSALEM BETWEEN 600-1100.** Oleg Grabar, Institute for Advanced Studies, in Princeton. Thomson Hall, Rm. 325. 7:30 p.m.

Professor Grabar is one of the leading figures in Islamic art history in the world. He has written widely, including such classics as *Studies in Medieval Islam Art*, *Formation of Islamic Art*, *The Great Mosque at Isfahan*, *The Alhambra*, *Mediation of Ornament*, and *Coinage of the Tulunids*. His lecture will be illustrated with a videotape showing a computerized reconstruction of Jerusalem as well as slides.



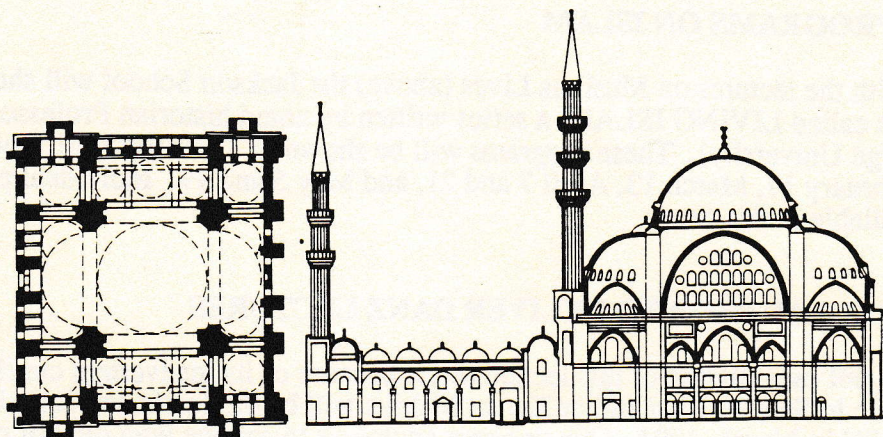
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SECOND SATURDAYS: WORLD ISSUES IN THE NEWS

Once again, during winter and spring quarters, the outreach programs of the Jackson School of International Studies at the UW will present a series of current events seminars called **SECOND SATURDAYS: WORLD ISSUES IN THE NEWS**. The seminars run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year the morning hours will be devoted to lectures and the afternoon will be videotapes and/or teacher-led discussions or panels. Topics and dates are as follows:

- February 12 **TROUBLE IN PARADISE: ASSESSING THE CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF TOURISM.** Coordinator: Maureen Haley Terada, 206-543-4800.
- March 12 **ARMS CONTROL: WHO'S IN CONTROL?** Coordinator: Charlotte Albright, 206-543-4227.
- April 9 **PEACEKEEPING/PEACEBUILDING/PEACEMAKING: CHANGING ROLES/CHANGING TIMES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.** Coordinator: Michael Bittner, 206-543-6269.
- May 14 **SACRED STIES: CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.** Coordinator: Maureen Jackson, 206-543-9696.

For information about the content of individual seminars, contact the seminar coordinator listed above. To register by mail, call 543-2310 or 1-800-543-2320 to request a Second Saturdays brochure, or you may register by phone using VISA or MasterCard. For credit enrollment (2 credits), the cost is \$168 for the four seminars plus a \$15 nonrefundable registration fee. For noncredit enrollment, you may register for one (\$45), two (\$90), three (\$135), or four (\$160) seminars. Washington State clock hours are available for the noncredit option.



Sulaimaniye mosque, Istanbul.

ISLAM COLLOQUIUM

During Winter and Spring quarters of 1994, four units of the Jackson School of International Studies are joining forces to present a series of lectures on Islam called "Muslim Lives: Exploring Islam in Contemporary Cultures." Most of the speakers will be visiting lecturers. Sponsoring JSIS units are China Studies, Comparative Religion, Middle Eastern Studies, South Asian Studies, and Southeast Asian Studies. All lectures will take place in Thomson Hall, Room 317, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The lectures are as follows:

MUSLIM LIVES: EXPLORING ISLAM IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURES

- Thursday, February 10 ISLAM IN CONTEMPORARY INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA, Daniel Lev, Political Science, UW.
- Thursday, February 24 CONCEIVING ISLAM IN AMERICA: TRANSMISSION, ADOPTION, OR CREATION, James Morris, Religious Studies, Oberlin College.
- Thursday, March 10 ISLAM AND ETHNICITY IN PAKISTAN BALOCHISTAN. Paul Titus, Anthropologist, Visiting Ass't. Professor in South Asian Studies, UW.
- Wednesday, April 13 ENLIGHTENED MUSLIMS OF INDONESIA. Robert Hefner, Anthropology, Boston University.
- Thursday, April 28 MUSLIM AND MINZU: ISLAMIC IDENTITY A STATE POWER IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA. Jonathan Lipman, History, Mt. Holyoke College. Visiting Professor in China Studies at the UW during Winter and Spring, 94.
- Thursday, May 12 FUNDAMENTALISM IN BANGLADESH. Dina Siddiqi, Anthropologist, Visiting Ass't. Professor in South Asian Studies, UW during Winter and Spring, 94.
- Wednesday, May 25 ORAL CULTURE, MEDIA CULTURE, AND ISLAMIC RESURGENCE IN TURKEY. Michael Meeker, Anthropology, University of California, San Diego.

VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMS ON ISLAM

Along with the lectures on Muslims Lives (above) the Jackson School will show a series of six videotapes called LIVING ISLAM, a series written by noted historian Professor Ahmed Akbar (Cambridge University). These programs will be shown in Thomson Hall, Room 325 at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, March 13, April 7 and 21, and May 5 and 19. Individual program titles are not available at this time.

DISSIDENT IRAQI AUTHOR TO DELIVER DANZ LECTURES

After the fall cancellation of this lecture series because of its inadvertent conflict with the APEC Conference in Seattle, Iraqi author Kenan Makiya will be the Jessie and John Danz Lecturer at the UW in March, 1994. Our sincerest apologies to anyone who did not receive our notice of cancellation of the November lectures. Makiya's lectures on the general topic "Crafting Toleration in Contemporary Arab-Muslim Discourse" will take place at 8:00 p.m. in Kane Hall, Room 220. All lectures are free. Individual lecture dates and titles are:

Tuesday, March 1: Toleration and Tradition
 Thursday, March 3: Putting Cruelty First
 Tuesday, March 8: The Politics of Toleration

Please refer to your fall *Middle East Newsletter* for a description of Mr. Makiya and his work as an architect and critic of Iraq.

NORTHWESTERNERS ATTEND MESA

Approximately two dozen faculty, library staff, and graduate students universities around the Pacific Northwest attended the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, which took place this year in Research Triangle, near Chapel Hill, NC. Those attending read papers, took part in panels, and attended meetings.

PUBLICATIONS OF REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST SCHOLARS

A volume on Libya, entitled *The Making of Modern Libya: State Formation, Colonization, and Resistance, 1830-1932*, by Dr. Ali Abdullatif Ahmida, Visiting Assistant Professor in Politics at Whitman College in Walla Walla, was published this fall by SUNY Press. Dr. Ahmida is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Another recent publication, *Paths to the Middle East: Ten Scholars Look Back*, Edited by Thomas Naff and also published by SUNY, contains the autobiographies of ten well-known scholars of Middle Eastern studies. One of these life stories is told by Professor Emeritus Farhat J. Ziadeh of the University of Washington.



REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

The date for this years' Regional Middle East Seminar will be April 30--mark your calendar now! The Seminar will take place at the UW with Portland State University as co-host.

NEW MATERIALS AT THE 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."

Audiovisual:

Egypt: The Habit of Civilization. VHS video, 57 min., 1991. Ambrose Video Publishing, Inc. 1290 Ave. of the Americas, Suite 2245, New York, NY 10104. Part of the *Legacy* series. Concerns Pharaonic Egypt. Secondary level and above.

Iraq: The Cradle of Civilization. VHS video, 57 min., 1991. Ambrose Video Publishing, Inc. (address above). Part of the *Legacy* series. About early civilization, agriculture and cities along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Secondary level and above.

World Power in Islamic Art. VHS video, 12 min., 1993. Media Centre, University of Toronto, 563 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A1, Canada. About Islamic calligraphy. The video shows how the Arabic language inspired artists to create complex geometric and abstract designs that rival those of modern art. Secondary and above.

Children's Books, Teaching Materials:

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Unit for High School Students. Ron Stockton. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1993. Valuable information compiled by an expert for high school student consumption.

Travelers and Explorers. London: Iqra Trust, 1992. A book about Muslim travelers and explorers. Beautifully illustrated. Fourth grade and above.

Books and Articles:

"Promoting Appreciation for Plants and the Biosphere." Kate Kellogg. LSA Magazine, Fall, 1993. An article about papyrus.

The Iran-Iraq War: The Politics of Agression. Farhang Rajaee, Ed. Gainesville: University of Florida, 1993. This collection of articles by Middle East scholars analyzes the causes and consequences of the Iran-Iraq war not only from the standpoint of the belligerent parties, but from the perspective of Islamic and international law.

Sirat Bani Hilal: A Guide to the Epic and Its Performance. Dwight Reynolds. Text in both Arabic and English. A booklet about this famous epic and how it is performed.

"Women and Politics in the Middle East." Sarah Graham-Brown. Washington, D.C.: MERIP, 1993.

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