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MOSAICS

1995-96

Bring the world to your classroom across the curriculum, grades K through nine. Three MOSAICS workshops will take place this academic year. They are:

EUROPE MOSAIC: EAST & WEST

contact: Kurt Engelmann, REECAS, 543-4852 (*tentative date)

FEBRUARY 3*

ISLAM MOSAIC

contact: Maureen Haley Terada, S. Asia Center, 543-4800

MARCH 30

FESTIVAL MOSAIC

contact: Mary Hammond Bernson, E. Asia Center, 543-1921

APRIL 27

Each workshop features sessions by international studies experts and experienced teachers, resource displays, hands-on activities, demonstrations of multi-purpose and interdisciplinary lessons, and lots of hand-outs. All are sponsored by the UW Jackson School of International Studies and the Washington State Council for the Social Studies. In addition, the Festival Mosaic is also sponsored by the Seattle International Children's Festival.

All workshops will take place in 101 Thomson Hall on the University of Washington campus. Each workshop costs \$35 and includes lunch and all materials, with clock hours available at no additional charge. Pre-registration is required. To register, send the form below with a check made out to WSCSS to: Outreach Programs, JSIS, Box 353650, UW, Seattle, WA 98195. Please call the appropriate contact above for additional information.

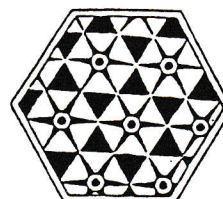
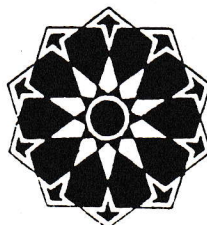
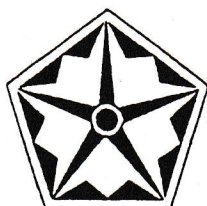
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Workshop(s) registering for: _____



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, SUMMER, 1996

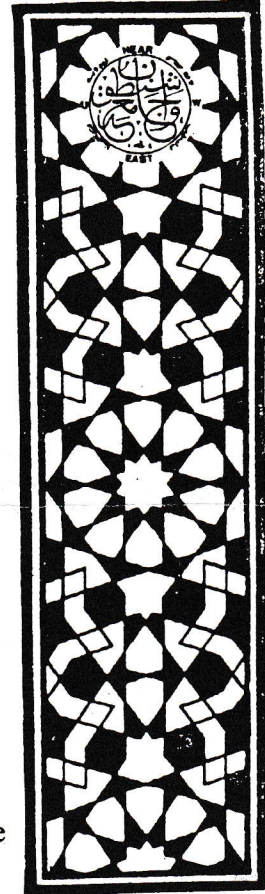
In summer, 1996, the Jackson School Outreach Team will offer a one-week teachers' institute, June 24-28. The theme for the institute will be **A WORLD OF CITIES: PROBLEMS AND TRENDS IN URBAN CENTERS**. Speakers, primarily from the faculty of the UW, will address problems common to urban centers worldwide, and discuss some individual cities. Fifteen partial scholarships will be available to K-12 teachers who wish to attend this institute. Teachers interested in applying for this funding should contact Charlotte Albright (c/o address on page one) for application information.

UPCOMING LECTURES AT THE UW

A lecture series on Hispano-Arabic literature has been arranged for Winter Quarter, 1996 by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (NELC). This series, called **"Voices from Al-Andalus: On the Literary History of Iberia Under Arab Rule,"** will include the following lectures, all of which will take place in Denny Hall, Room 401, UW campus at 7:30 pm. All lectures are free.

- January 10 **IN PRAISE OF EMPIRE: A MODEL FOR LITERARY HISTORY.** **Maria Rosa Menocal**, Yale University
- February 5 **THE PICARESQUE IN AL-ANDALUS: THE MAQAMAT OF AL-ASHTARQUWI.** **James Monroe**, UC, Berkeley
- February 12 **THE LOVE STORIES OF RABBI JACOB BEN ELEAZAR OF TOLEDO: BETWEEN ARABIC AND ROMANCE.** **Raymond P. Scheindlin**, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- March 4 **AL-MUWASHAHAT: A CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.** **Abdullah Al-Maatani**, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia

This series of lectures is being co-sponsored by NELC, the Middle East Center, the Center for the Humanities, the Jewish Studies Program, and the Spanish and Portuguese division of the Department of Romance Languages, all at the UW.



- In addition to the lecture series above, three other lectures will take place Winter Quarter.
- January 29 **"SCRIPTURE" AS LITERARY GENRE: SOME LESSONS FROM THE KORAN.** **Terri DeYoung**, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literature, UW. The lecture, which is sponsored by NELC, is scheduled for 12:30 pm in Denny Hall, 215A, UW.
- February 20 Topic concerning Iran since the Iran-Iraq war. **Kaveh Afrasiabi**, Political Science, Metropolitan College. 3:30 pm, Thomson Hall, Room 135. Sponsored by MEC.
- February 21 **RECONSTRUCTING LEBANON FROM AN HISTORIAN'S VANTAGE.** **Philip Khoury**, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, MIT. 3:30 pm, Thomson Hall, Room 101, UW. Professor Khoury is an eminent Middle East historian, who has written numerous books including *Recovering Beirut: Urban Design and Post-War Recovery*, *Syria and French Urban Notables*, and *Arab Nationalism*. This lecture is sponsored by the Middle East Center.

**The Jackson School Outreach Centers
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
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International Updates: Trends and Traditions in Your World

A lecture-dinner series offering the latest insights from top University scholars, convenient early evening programs, and dinner catered by a local ethnic restaurant.

Walker-Ames Room, 2nd Floor, Kane Hall, University of Washington campus, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Dates and Topics:

Wednesday, February 7, Southeast Asia

"America's Ally? America's Enemy? Thailand & Vietnam Twenty Years After the End of the Vietnam War"
Charles F. Keyes, Professor of Anthropology and Director, Southeast Asia Center

Wednesday, February 21, China

"China after Deng Xiao Ping"
David M. Bachman, Chair, China Studies Program

Wednesday, March 13, Russia

"After Yeltsin: Prospects for Post-Soviet Politics"
Stephen E. Hanson, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Wednesday, March 27, Middle East

"Rivers of Blood: Water & Conflict in the Middle East"
Ellis Goldberg, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director, Middle East Center

Wednesday, April 10, West Europe

"The European Union and the United States: Towards a New TransAtlantic Relationship?"
Christopher Piening, European Union Fellow, Jackson School of International Studies

Wednesday, April 24, International Business

"Emerging Markets: Similarities & Differences"
Richard W. Moxon, Associate Professor of Management and Organization, School of Business Administration

Wednesday, May 8, India

"Looking East: India's Integration with Changing Asia"
Anthony D'Costa, Assistant Professor of Economic Development, Tacoma Branch Campus

Wednesday, May 22, Cascadia

"Three Conflicting Geographies of Cascadia"
Matthew Sparke, Assistant Professor of Geography and International Studies

Special Offer:

Washington State Clock Hours are available to K-12 teachers and community college instructors for no additional charge.

For more information call the **Middle East Center at 206-543-4227 or FAX 206-685-0668.**

Registration Form

International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World

Dinner-lecture fee **\$20.00 per session, per person** -- check or money order only -- payable to the University of Washington. DEADLINE for registration is one week prior to the first session you plan to attend.

Register Early— space is limited.

Last name:

First Name:

Initial:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Daytime phone:

FAX:

Method of Payment: check: ☐ money order: ☐

Check if: vegetarian meals are desired: ☐ clock hours are desired: ☐

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Total amount enclosed: ____ .00

Please mail this registration form and seminar fees to:

**Jackson School Outreach Centers
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
University of Washington
Box 353650
Seattle, WA 98195-365**

To request disability accommodations, contact the office of the ADA coordinator at least ten days in advance of the event, 206-543-6450 (voice); 206-543-6452 (TDD); 206-685-3885 (FAX); access@u.washington.edu (email).

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE:

We are told that the Varsity Theater, 4329 University Way, NE, Seattle, 206-632-3131, will be showing the Persian film, *The Jar*, directed by Ebrahim Foruzesh. Play dates will be January 12-18, 1996, nightly at 5, 7, 9 pm with matinees Saturday through Monday. The film is the winner of the Golden Leopard at the Locarno Festival.

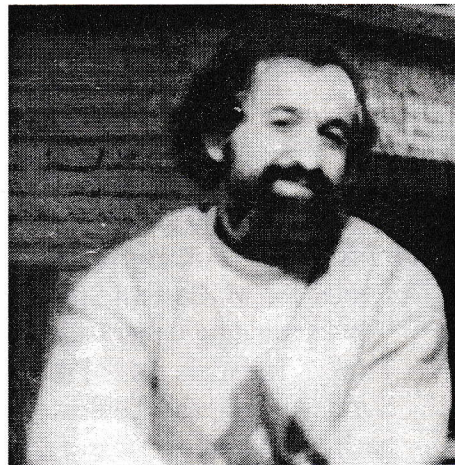
Ilse L. Cirtautas, Professor of Central Asian languages in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, was recently awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from Tashkent State University in conjunction with the school's 76th anniversary. Professor Cirtautas is only the third person to receive this award. The other recipients were Dr. Henry Kissinger and President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey. Congratulations, Professor Cirtautas!

Robert Burrowes, Lecturer in Middle Eastern studies at the UW, is the author of *Historical Dictionary of Yemen*, published September, 1995, by the University Press of America. The book, really a small encyclopaedia, provides a wide variety of information about Yemen, past and present.

TAJIK JOURNALIST MURDERED

Those of you who met Tajik journalist, Mohyeddin Alempour, during his stay in Seattle in 1993 will be shocked and saddened to learn that he was murdered in the Tajik capital of Dushanbe on December 13, 1995. No one knows why he was killed, except that he was a journalist.

Mr. Alempour spent three weeks in Seattle as a part of a three-month tour of the U.S. speaking both on campus and off about his newly independent country, Tajikistan. By 1993 Tajikistan had already entered dark days. Under Soviet control, 40% of the region's money came from the central government. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, this support vanished and the value of the money that was left fell to a tiny fraction of its former worth, leaving many people in Tajikistan wondering what was so good about independence. Fighting had broken out among rival factions contending for control of the country, and thousands of people, especially in the southern part of the country, were killed. Thousands more fled their homes.



In this environment, with a fractured economy and incompetent government, journalists began to be killed. Over the past several years, over 25 have been murdered. Although in the last months, Tajikistan-watchers had hoped that the country's situation was improving slightly, Alempour's murder shows the world that it has not.

Those of us who knew Mohyeddin Alempour had enormous respect for his work. He had spent four years during the time the Soviet Union occupied Afghanistan reporting on the war there for Soviet papers. When Tajikistan became independent, he went to work for BBC, filing stories from Tajikistan, Iran, London, and the United States. Although he did write about the political situation in his nation, he was particularly interested in the arts, often reporting on

singers. One of his long-term goals was to produce a video program about the many regional styles of Tajik dance, which he also loved. Mr. Alempour leaves behind a wife and three children, as well as a large archive of written, video, and audio recorded material about Tajikistan and Iran. All of us who knew him mourn his loss.

NEW MATERIALS AT THE MIDDLE EAST CENTER

You may borrow these materials free of charge by contacting the Middle East Center c/o the address at the bottom of page 1, or by telephoning 206-543-4227, or by email <calbrigh@u.washington.edu>. You may also request a complete listing of MERC materials that we loan called the "Teaching Materials Resource Guide."

Audiovisual Materials:

Iran at the Crossroads, April, 1995. A four-part program on an audio cassette produced by National Public Radio.

Peter and the Wolf. Music and Story by Sergei Prokofiev. A picture book and audio tape of this classic, in both Arabic and English. Translated into Arabic and narrated by Nazih Girgis. Narrated in English by Anisa Mehdi. All ages.

Spain: the Moorish Influence. VHS 28 minutes. Encompasses Spain's epic story of conquest and reconquest at the crossroads of two worlds. Filmed throughout Spain and Morocco. Secondary to adult level.

Books for Children:

Zaki's Ramadhan Feast. Ann P. El-Moslimany. Illus. Erica L. Butler. Tells of Zaki a Muslim boy and his excitement as he begins to observe his first fast. The author lives and teaches in Seattle. K-6 level.

Print Materials:

American-Arab Relations: A New Beginning? 1994 Annual Conference Report. Conference proceedings. Foundation on Democratization and Political Change in the Middle East.

Are You Listening: Voices from the Middle East. Growing Pains. Unit One. Cambridge, MA: Center for M. Eastern Studies, Harvard. 69 pp. Introduction includes sections on "Understanding Other Cultures: An Educational Priority," and "Literature as a Teaching Tool." The main part of the book is five first-person stories from the Arab world: Egypt, Syria, Algeria, and Tunisia. Teachers and students are supplied with student activities, background notes, glossary, and bibliography. You may borrow the MEC's copy or for \$20.00 you may order you own directly from Teaching Resource Center, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 1737 Cambridge Street, Room 517, Cambridge, MA 02138. Checks made out to Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

Claiming the Future: Choosing Prosperity in the Middle East and North Africa. Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 1995. Aims to show that the countries of the Middle East and North Africa have the potential to reduce poverty, double incomes, increase life expectancy by about ten years, and cut infant mortality and illiteracy by almost half while creating jobs for the next generation! Lays out the choices that today's policymakers must face in making this vision a reality.

- Faith and Freedom. Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World.* Mahnaz Afkhami, Ed. Syracuse University Press, 1995. From back cover: "This book is the first detailed study to emphasize Muslim women's rights as human rights and to explore the existing patriarchal structures and processes that present women's human rights as contradictory to Islam."
- The Middle East and North Africa: Issues in Development.* Fall, 1995. Washington, D.C.: World Bank. A 55-page booklet. Secondary level and above.
- Middle East-North Africa Internet Resource Guide.* Joseph W. Roberts. Salt Lake City: University of Utah, 1995. Tells everything you ever wanted to know about current websites for information about the Middle East.
- "Palestinians in Lebanon: Waiting," by Rosemary Sayigh. *Najda Newsletter*, Vol. 35, No. 4, Summer, 1995. Report on refugees and other Palestinians still living in Lebanon. Secondary level and older.
- "Teaching About the Middle East," by Elizabeth Barlow, *The Link*. Vol. 28, No. 4, Sept./Oct., 1995. Specific ideas and resources for teaching about the Middle East at both the elementary and secondary level. Middle East Center has free copies, but please send \$1.00 for postage. This is a resource you will want to keep.

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