



Middle East Newsletter

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WORKSHOP ON 'REFUGEES' TO LEAD OFF 1992 SECOND SATURDAYS SERIES.

The UW Jackson School of International Studies Outreach Program and University Extension will co-sponsor a series of workshops for teachers and others interested called Second Saturdays: World Issues in the News. The dates and topics are:

- Jan. 11 Refugees
- Feb. 8 Health Care Across the 49th Parallel: A Difference of Values
- Mar. 14 World Population Growth
- Apr. 11 Democracy Issues
- May 16 Global Environmental Issues

For the January 11 program a group of distinguished speakers will outline the situation of refugees and displaced persons around the world and present several case studies. There are between 12 and 15 million refugees in our world today--men, women, and children driven out of their home countries because of political violence or natural disaster. These people have special problems. They are often persecuted in their countries of refuge for reasons of race, religion, or nationality. In a foreign country, they may have a status no better than illegal aliens.

Many people are driven out of their homes, but not out of their countries. These people are referred to as "displaced persons." Their plight is often even more difficult than that of refugees, since they most often do not qualify for international relief assistance. The program will be as follows:

REFUGEES

Second Saturdays: World Issues in the News
January 11, 1991
Savery Hall, Room 239

8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00-10:00 OVERVIEW OF REFUGEES

WORLDWIDE. Professor Marjorie Muecke,
Community Health Care Systems, University of
Washington.

10:00-10:15 Break



Irene Perlman/Impact Visuals



10:15-11:45 WORK OF INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE. Mr. Robert Johnson,
Regional Director, International Rescue Committee, Seattle

11:45-1:00 No host lunch

1:00-2:00 HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN GAZA. Ms. Beryl Cheal. Ms. Cheal worked for several
years with American Friends Service Committee in Gaza.

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15-3:30 ISSUES IN WORKING WITH AFRICAN REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

Mr. Howard Berry, World Concern, Seattle. Mr. Berry has lived for many year in Africa.

To register for any of the workshops, call University Extension at (206) 543- 2310. For more
information about the "Refugees" workshop, contact Charlotte Albright at (206) 543-4227.

THOMAS FRIEDMAN TO SPEAK AT THE UW

Thomas L. Friedman, chief diplomatic correspondent of The New York Times and award-winning author of From Beirut to Jerusalem, will speak at the University of Washington on Saturday, January 18 at 8 p.m. The talk, entitled "The Middle East Today: The Meaning of the Madrid Peace Conference," will be held in Meany Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Friedman's background in Middle East politics is extensive. He served as UPI's correspondent in Beirut from 1979 to 1981. In 1982, he became The New York Times bureau chief in Beirut, winning a 1983 Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. In 1984, he moved to Jerusalem as the Times bureau chief and in 1988 won a second Pulitzer Prize for reporting. He became Times chief diplomatic correspondent in 1989.

Friedman's talk is sponsored by the UW's Middle East Center, Jackson School of International Studies. For more information, call Diana Watts at 543-5340.



DARIUSH TALAI TO PRESENT CONCERT OF PERSIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mr. Dariush Talai, a master of Persian classical music and visiting artist at the UW's School of Music this academic year, will present a concert of Persian classical music on Saturday, February 1, at 8:00 p.m. in the School of Music, Brechemin Auditorium. Mr. Talai is both a scholar and a master performer on the tar and sehtar. He has taught at the Centre d'Etude de Musique, Orientale in Paris and at the Faculty of Fine Arts in Tehran University. He has recorded excerpts from the body of traditional Persian classical music on the French Ocora label.

Before 1979 Mr. Talai was the director of an orchestra which performed regularly on Iranian television and radio. His group also performed at the prestigious Shiraz Festival. Since 1980 he has given concerts all over Europe--in France, Germany, Italy, England and numerous other countries--and in the United States at Carnegie Hall and several university campuses.

Tickets prices are: general \$15, UW student \$6. All tickets will be sold at the door. This concert is being sponsored by the UW School of Music and the Association of Iranians Living in Washington State.

UW AND PSU TO CO-HOST REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

The UW and Portland State University will co-host the Fifth Annual Regional Middle East Seminar, which will be held at the UW in Seattle on Saturday, March 7. Among those who have agreed to give talks for this event are Dr. Masoud Kheirabadi, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, who will speak about "Iranian Cities" also the title of his book published this year by the University of Texas Press.

OTHER MIDDLE EAST-RELATED EVENTS IN THE NORTHWEST:

December 19-January 31

FROM SOWN AND SAND, Woolen Blossoms of Kurdistan is the title of an exhibition of Kurdish weavings from Iran, Iraq, and Turkey from the collection of James D. Burns. These woven pieces are on view at the Pacific Arts Center, 306 Harrison, Seattle, WA. For hours, call (206)443-5437.

December 22

The Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations is sponsoring its annual **DOING BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST** Seminar in the Seattle area. The program will include a presentation by Dr. Hamdi Saleh, Egyptian Consul in San Francisco. To register, or for further information, contact the World Trade Club at (206) 448-9903.

February 15

Arab-Americans in the Seattle area are establishing an **ARAB CENTER**, an organization which will promote Arab heritage and culture in this region. The first General Assembly meeting for the group will be held at 4:00 p.m., Feb. 15, at the Waterfront Activities Center, UW. For more information, call Raja Atallah at 364-1375.

March 11

BERNARD LEWIS, Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University, will speak at 7:30 p.m., March 11, at the Intiman Theater in downtown Seattle. The lecture, entitled "Rethinking the Middle East," will be free and open to the public and is the 1992 Henry M. Jackson Memorial Lecture. The lecture is being sponsored by the Jackson Foundation.

Professor Lewis is an author, co-author, or editor of over twenty books on the history and contemporary problems of Islam and the Middle East, including *The Arabs in History*, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*, and *The Middle East and the West*.

April 9-11

Shoreline Community College will act as host institution for the **MODEL LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES**. Last year's Model Arab League was the best yet. If your college or university has sent a team in the past, mark your calendar and plan to do it again. If you would like to send a team, contact Howard Vogel (206) 546-4602 or James Jory (206) 546-4688 for more information and/or to be put on their mailing list. The Model Arab League is subsidized by the Washington Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.

April 22

Professor **EMILY TEETER**, University of Chicago, will give an evening lecture on Ancient Egypt at the new Seattle Art Museum. Call SAM for details.

April 23-25

Annual meeting of the **AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT**:

Meetings will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Seattle. If you are interested in presenting, contact Jere Bacharach at (206) 543-4227.

NEW MATERIALS AT THE MIDDLE EAST RESOURCE CENTER:

You may borrow these materials free of charge by contacting Charlotte Albright at the address on page one.

Teaching Materials:

"The Arab world After the Gulf War," Arab World Almanac, Fall, 1991. Includes lesson objectives, classroom activities and resources, reflections on the war by Arab students, an Arab world population and GNP chart, etc. Produced by AMIDEAST. Secondary school level.

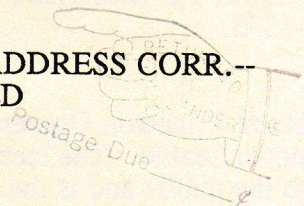
Exploring Global Art. Toby Needler and Bonnie Goodman. Produced by the American Forum for Global Education. Includes units on Africa, Egypt, the Middle East, Latin America, India, China, and Japan. Comes in a 3-ring binder for ease of duplication.

Teaching Resources:

The Global Washington Handbook. A Guide for Washington State Elementary and Secondary Schools. Produced by the Global Washington Writing Team and Global Reach in 1991. Ideas for teachers who want to infuse global education into their curricula.

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