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CENTER ORGANIZES CONFERENCE IN BELLAGIO, ITALY

*Focused on the Role of the Individual and the Construction
of Liberal Alternatives in the Arab World*

LOCATED high in the mountains overlooking Lake Como, the Bellagio Study Center of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be the site of a major conference organized by Ellis Goldberg and the Middle East Center, May 30-June 2, 1999.

Goldberg has gathered together preeminent Arab scholars, journalists, writers, and human rights activists to examine the theme of liberal alternatives and the role of the individual in the contemporary Arab world. They will confront issues such as the development of democracy, freedom of speech, and individual human rights in the

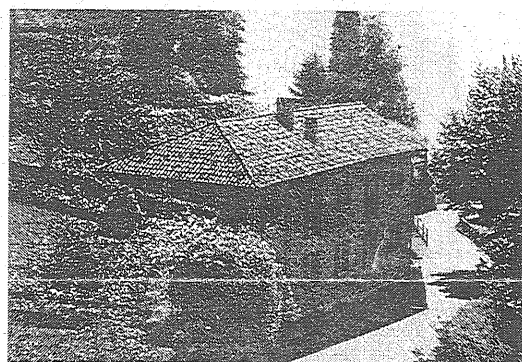
past three decades.

Conference participants, all of whom have been personally involved in the struggle to define human rights in the modern Arab world, will use their own personal and professional experience to inform the conference. In the process, the conference will examine why authoritarian movements have been so attractive in the past and why they no longer seem valid. The conference aims to redirect the study of politics and culture in the Arab

world through personal and critical self-reflection.

The conference also received funding from the Earhart Foundation to support participants' travel to Italy.

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Villa Serbelloni at the Bellagio Center in the foothills of the Italian Alps where the conference will be held.

Important Personal Library Donated to the Center

C. REID ROGERS, a member of the Jackson School's first Visiting Committee (1979-80), and his wife Jeanne Miyoshi Rogers have donated their personal library on the Middle East to the Middle East Center in memory of Mr. Rogers' mother, Dorothy Hager Rogers.

The collection focuses on the origins of the Muslims and Jews, history of the Ottoman empire, colonization of the Near East by Britain and France, the expression of Arab nationalism, creation of the State of Israel, oil, and the political conflicts arising out of the intersection of these competing interests.

Dorothy Hager Rogers graduated from the

University of Washington in the mid 1920s. She first visited the Middle East following her graduation from the UW. Her interest in the Middle East was lifelong, and culminated in distinguished service for many years as a Trustee of the American University of Beirut.

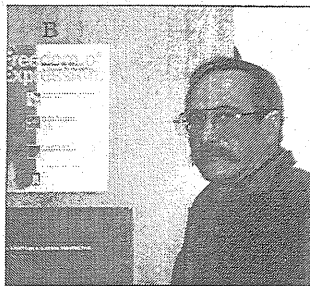
Her dedication to education in the Middle East, and particularly the education of women, resulted in her receiving Lebanon's highest honor, the Order of the Cedars of Lebanon, Commander Class and being installed in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem by Queen Elizabeth II.

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Ellis Goldberg to Step Down from Center Directorship

Editor's Note: Ellis Goldberg, the Center's director from 1995-99, will be at Princeton University next year.

As I prepare to leave Seattle and the Middle East Center for the second time in two years, it is incumbent on me to say a few words. This time I will be permanently giving up the position of center director. I am sure that Terri DeYoung, who will take charge of the center, will find the center as rewarding and stimulating an activity as I have. I am equally sure that the university, the Jackson School,



Ellis Goldberg

and our colleagues will enjoy the energy and creativity she will bring to the Center. Being at the center of the Center is not, as T.S. Eliot had it in *The Four*

Quartets, exactly a still point. I will especially miss Felicia Hecker, the assistant director, whose energy, dedication, and intelligence have been so much a part of the center's success.

There are several programs the center has undertaken of which we all have a right to feel justly proud. Our participation in the

BELLAGIO CONFERENCE

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Conference participation is drawn from Europe and the Middle East, as follows:

- Ahmad Beydoun, professor, Lebanon University
- Hassan Daoud, Lebanese novelist and journalist
- Ibrahim Gharaybah, Jordanian-Palestinian journalist formerly a militant activist in the Islamic Militant Front
- Mai Ghoussoub, Lebanese artist, publisher, and co-editor of *Abwab* magazine
- Kanan Makiya, Iraqi-born architect, writer, and human rights activist
- Hana al-Mutlaq, scholar and practicing psychoanalyst in Saudi Arabia
- Abdullahi an-Na'im, law faculty, Emory University
- Hazem Sagie, journalist and editor, *al-Hayat*, London
- Eyad El Sarraj, director Gaza Community Mental Health Program, former human rights commissioner for the Palestinian Authority
- Mustafa Kamel Sayyid, professor of Political Science, American University in Cairo
- George Tarabishi, professor of philosophy, University of Paris
- Sami Zubaida, professor of Sociology, University of London
- Saleh Bechir, exiled Tunisian journalist, expert on Arab minority in France
- Emma Sinclair-Webb, professor, Essex University
- Lahouari Addi, professor of politics, Universite de Lyon

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Reid Rogers, a longtime Seattle resident, attended the American University of Beirut prior to earning a BA in Near East History and a law degree from Stanford. He was for many years the President and Chairman of the New England Fish Company, and a director of the Dillingham Corporation, the Rainier



Dorothy Hager Rogers

Companies, and Seafirst Corporation. He is now President of Wild West Adventures, a Jackson Hole, Wyoming company designed to develop recreational and cultural experience programs in the western and mountain states.

TERRI DEYOUNG'S BOOK WINS RECOGNITION

Choice's Outstanding Academic Work for 1998

Terri DeYoung, associate professor of Arabic in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, has been awarded one of *Choice Magazine's Outstanding Academic Book (OAB)* citations of 1998 for her work titled *Placing the Poet: Badr Shakir al-Sayyab and Postcolonial Iraq* (SUNY, 1998). The 1998 list of Outstanding Academic Books compiled by *Choice* represents the top three percent of all the works submitted to the magazine for review. The competition this year included more than 6,500 titles. Criteria for awarding OAB status are: overall excellence; importance relative to other literature in the field, distinction as a first treatment, originality of scholarship, and

value to undergraduate education.

DeYoung's book is a comprehensive study of the most widely celebrated 20th-century Iraqi writer, Badr Shakir al-Sayyab. Sayyab, a leading figure in the innovative movement of contemporary Arabic poetry, changed Arab poetic sensibility and opened new horizons, while moving away from traditional poetic forms.

The work offers English readers an unprecedented amount of information about this important Arab poet and it places his work in the broader context of postcolonial resistance to Western hegemony.

The book may be borrowed from the Middle East Center Resource Library.

Goldberg Resigns—Continued from page 2

Freedom of Expression program, funded by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, in 1997-98 was a stellar achievement. We were able to get some remarkable novelists, journalists, and human rights activists to come to Seattle that year: Goenawan Mohammad, Eyad Sarraj, Abdullahi An-Na'im, Orhan Pamuk, and Floyd Abrams. We even managed to keep one of this illustrious group to stay in Seattle: Vladimir Raskin who now teaches at the Jackson School.

The Center has continued

to be engaged in the areas of human rights as well as in bringing some of the best scholarship in the Middle East and on the Middle East to Seattle. I am especially pleased about the interdisciplinary meeting we had May 1 to bridge the gap between economics and medieval history.

One of the rewards of being center director is that ability to foster new intellectual dialogues in an area of interest. I look forward to the new dialogue that Terri DeYoung will begin.

Students Garner Fellowships

This spring several students associated with Middle East programs at the University of Washington have won research grants, scholarships, and fellowships.

In the Interdisciplinary Near and Middle East Studies program the following students are recipients of fellowships:

NICOLE WATTS: Social Science Research Council dissertation grant for research in Turkey.

PATRICIA WOODS: Social Science Research Council International Dissertation award for field work in Israel and a Dorot Travel award to Israel.

FEVZIYE BARLAS: Schwartz Fellowship for research in Munich on Persian literature

BEN SMITH: Social Science Research Council international predissertation fellowship for language study and field research in Indonesia.

TAMIR MOUSTAFA: Social Science Research Council fellowship for field work in Egypt.

At the M.A. level, JEFFREY McCARTER has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays fellowship for summer Arabic study at Yarmouk University.

Kasaba Wins UW's Distinguished Teaching Award

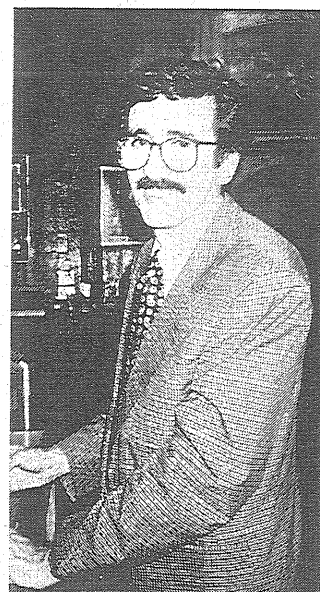
RESAT KASABA, director of the International Studies Center at the Jackson School, has won the 1999 Distinguished Teaching Award for Associate Professors at the University of Washington. He will receive the award at graduation exercises on June 10.

Kasaba joined the faculty of the Jackson School in 1985 as a professor of international studies specializing on Turkey. From the beginning of his teaching career, he has been very involved with students, providing guidance and direction to their studies and demanding the best of them. His introductory class, States and Capitalism (SIS 200), which

is required of all Jackson School students, is legendary for its difficulty and for the quality of students it produces.

In recognition of his efforts on behalf of students, in 1994 Kasaba was awarded the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Student Service Award, presented by the Student Organization of International Studies Majors. A year later in 1995, Kasaba was named director of the School's International Studies program.

Although Kasaba now leads the largest and most diverse of the School's programs, he continues to work intensely with individual students and has built a thriving core of



Resat Kasaba

young scholars doing research on Turkey and the Ottoman empire.

SOLI ÖZEL

Expert on the Political and Economic Scene in Turkey

SOLI ÖZEL, professor of International Relations at Istanbul Bilgi University, is a visiting faculty member at the Middle East Center teaching spring term in the Department of Communications and in the Business School.

Özel brings a wide range of talents and expertise to his teaching. In addition to his academic career, Özel is the editor of *Private View: The Journal of the Turkish*

Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association and is editor of *Foreign Policy* (Turkish edition).

Özel also serves as an advisor to the Chairman of the Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TUSIAD) providing briefings and

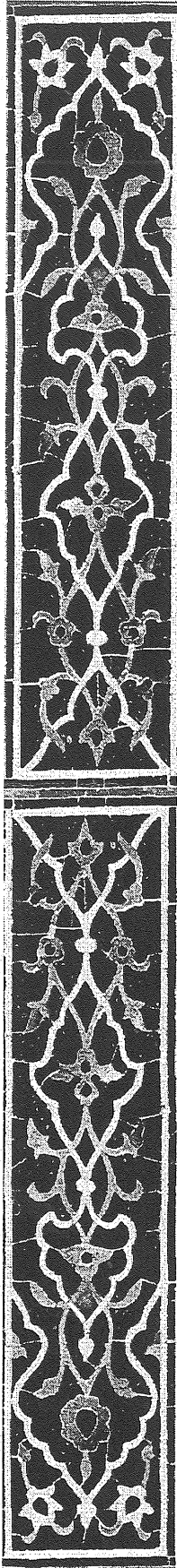


Soli Özel

analyses of international issues that bear upon the economic and political climate in Turkey. As the editor of TUSIAD's publications, Özel directs the communication strategy for the Association.

Özel is teaching two courses that make full use of his academic and professional skills: Global Communications and International Relations (SIS490/CMU 320) and Business Relations and Integration in the Global Economy (SIS 490A/IBUS 490A).

Özel will be giving a public lecture on May 26 (see p. 6) as part of the International Update Series. He will be on campus for consultation until the first week of June.



The Arabian Peninsula and the Future of Central Asia *Oil and Gas Resources in a Changing World Order*

Saturday, 22 May 1999, 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Walker-Ames Room, Kane Hall
University of Washington, Seattle

Conference is free and open to the public.

The conference will explore the theme of the impact of oil wealth in the development of the Middle East to better grasp the future of Central Asian economies, politics, and society.

PRESENTATIONS

Politics as Communication in the Arab Gulf and Central Asia, Dale F. Eickelman, Professor, Anthropology, Dartmouth College

Caspian Energy and Greenhouse Gas Policies? Hal Feiveson, Professor, Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Princeton University

Declining Oil Prices and State-Society Relations in the Gulf, Shafeeq N. Ghabra, Director, Office of Information, State of Kuwait Embassy, Washington, D.C.

Corruption in the Caspian Basin, Thomas Goltz, freelance journalist and author

Price Versus Marketshare: Are Caspian Oil and Gas Reserves a Threat to the Persian Gulf? Amy Jaffe, Professor, James Baker III Institute, Rice University

Oil and the Sociopolitical Development in Central Asia, Anatoly Khazanov, Professor, Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Not Business as Usual: Political Dissent and the Global Imperative of Saudi Arabia, Gwenn Okruhlik, Professor, Political Science, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

A Comparative Look at the Caspian and Persian Gulf Oil, Jean-François Seznec, Professor, Columbia University and associate of the Lafayette Group, CT

Cosponsored by the Middle East Center and the Russian, East European, and Central Asian Center of The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES SERIES

Dinner-Lecture Series

Two presentations remain for this year in the annual dinner-lecture series "International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World" organized through the efforts of the Jackson School's outreach team. These lectures will be held in the Walker-Ames Room at Kane Hall, UW, Seattle campus beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Each dinner-lecture is \$22 per person and participants must preregister. Washington State clock hours are available for K-12 teachers and community college instructors for no additional charge. The remaining lectures are:

May 12: LATIN AMERICA

"Business, History, and Culture in Mexico: Interesting Intersections," Carlos B. Gil, Professor, History

May 26: MIDDLE EAST "Do Civilizations Clash" Islam, Westernization, and the Dilemmas of Turkish Modernity," Soli Özel, Visiting Professor, Business School, Editor of *Foreign Policy* (Turkish Edition) and *Private View: The International Journal of the Turkish Businessmen's Association*

To register, please indicate which of the of the dinner-lectures you wish to attend:

- ☐ May 12: Latin America
- ☐ May 26: Middle East
- ☐ clock hours are desired (at no additional charge)

Mail this registration form and check (payable to the University of Washington), \$22 per session:

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Starrett & Tétreault

To Be Featured Speakers at Teachers Summer Seminar

TWO specialists on the Middle East will be featured speakers at the "Globalization and Local Responses" seminar for area educators (see opposite page for registration).

Gregory S. Starrett will give a presentation titled: "Disks, Games, and Videotape: Islam and the New Media in the Middle East." Starrett, who is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, is a noted authority on media and popular culture in the Middle East. He recently published a volume titled *Putting Islam to Work: Education, Politics, and Religious Transformation in Egypt* and "Muslim Identities and the Great Chain of Buying," in *New Media and the Muslim World*.

Mary Ann Tétreault is a professor in the Department of Political Science, Iowa State University. She will give a presentation titled "Oxymoron or Platitute? Women's Human Rights" at the seminar. Her recent publications include: *Women and Revolution in Africa, Asia, and the New World*; *Stories of Democracy Politics and Society in Contemporary Kuwait* (forthcoming); and *Feminist Approaches to Social Movements, Community, and Power* (forthcoming).

GLOBALIZATION AND LOCAL RESPONSES

Teaching about the World of the Twenty-First Century

A SEMINAR FOR EDUCATORS GRADES 6-16

June 28-29, 1999

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

This two-day seminar is a unique opportunity for grades 6-16 educators to engage in an interactive process between presenters and participants who are scholars and practitioners to learn more about global processes and local responses. Clock hours are available for this seminar. Registrants will select from the following sessions:

- o HUMAN RIGHTS
- o TOURISM & THE ENVIRONMENT
- o MEDIA & POPULAR CULTURE
- o ECONOMIC RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT
- o TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION

Location: Husky Union Building (HUB) 200 ABC, UW campus, Seattle

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. each day

Sponsors: The Outreach Centers of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, in cooperation with The Center for International Business Education and Research, School of Business Administration

Registration: Please complete the form below and enclose a check for **\$50** made payable to: *Jackson School of International Studies*. Mail the form and your check to Summer Seminar Registration, Jackson School Outreach Centers, University of Washington, Box 353650, Seattle, WA 98195-3650. *Clock hours are available at no extra cost.*

Questions: Regarding registration, contact Elise Fox, <elisefox@u.washington.edu>. General questions: Kurt Engelmann, REECAS Center <kengel@u.washington.edu>, tel. 206-543-6938.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 11, 1999 INCLUDING \$50 REGISTRATION FEE

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CALENDAR OF SELECTED UP-COMING EVENTS

May 12

"Islam in China," Jonathan Lipman, 3:30, Johnson Hall, rm. 111

May 13

"Solomon and Mythic Kingship in the Arabo-Islamic Tradition," Suzanne P. Stetkevych, 8:00 p.m., Kane Hall, rm. 222

May 19

"Women in Islam and Central Asia," Maryanne Kamp, Johnson Hall, rm. 111

May 22

The Arabian Peninsula and the Future of Central Asia Conference (*details inside, p. 5*)

May 26

"Do Civilizations Clash? Islam, Westernization, and the Dilemmas of Turkish Modernity" (JSIS International Updates Series), Walker-Ames Rm., Kane Hall, 5:30-8:00 p.m. (*details inside, p. 6*)

May 26

"Satellite and Internet in the Arab World," Jon Alterman, Johnson Hall, rm 111

June 28, 29

"Globalization and Local Responses: Teaching about the World in the 21st Century," Teachers Summer Seminar (grades 6-16) (*details inside, pages 6, 7*)

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