

# RECONFIGURING A REGION

## Opportunities and Challenges in the Middle East

Hosted by the Council on Middle East Studies at the MacMillan Center at Yale University

**September 26-27, 2008**

Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT

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### Friday, September 26

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#### 1:00 pm Opening Remarks and Overview

##### **Marcia Inhorn**

William K. Lanman Jr. Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs  
Chair of the Council of Middle East Studies (CMES) at the MacMillan Center

#### 1:30 pm

#### ***Peacemaking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: have the terms changed?***

##### **Shibley Telhami**

Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, University of Maryland and Senior Fellow, Saban Center at the Brookings Institution

##### **Daoud Kuttab**

Award winning Palestinian journalist, former Ferris professor of journalism at Princeton University and Executive Director of the Community Media Network.

##### **Avi Shlaim**

Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford, and Fellow, St. Antony's College

Moderator: **Asli Bali**, Assistant Professor, University of California Los Angeles School of Law and Research Affiliate, Yale University Law School

#### 3:30 pm

#### ***Testing the Grounds for East-West Relations: Lebanon and Syria in Flux***

##### **Paul Salem**

Director, Middle East Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

##### **Murhaf Jouejati**

Professor of Middle East Studies, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University and Adjunct Scholar, Middle East Institute

##### **Marwan Khawaja**

Director, Center for Research on Population and Health, American University in Beirut

Moderator: **Sulayman Dib-Hajj**, Research Scientist, Neurology, Yale School of Medicine

### **5:30pm: Keynote Address**

**Robert Malley**

Program Director for Middle East and North Africa, International Crisis Group

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## **Saturday, September 27**

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**9:30am**

### ***The Battle for Iraq***

**Ghassan Atiyyah**

Visiting Fellow, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy

**Eric Davis**

Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University and Author of *Memories of State: Politics, History and Collective Identity in Modern Iraq*

Moderator: **Ellen Lust-Okar**, Associate Professor, Political Science, Yale University

**11:00am**

### ***Repercussions of the War in Iraq: Intended and Unintended Consequences***

**Kemal Kirisci**

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University

**Trita Parsi**

President and Founder, National Iranian-American Council

**Kaveh Ehsani**

Research Scholar, University of Illinois in Chicago, Editorial Board, *Goftegu Quarterly (Dialogue)*, and Editorial Board, *Middle East Report*

Moderator: **Arang Keshavarzian**, Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Studies, New York University and Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University

**1:00pm: Lunch**

**2:00pm**

***Challenges Facing America's "Allies": Oil, Islam and Regional Dominance***

**Gregory Gause**

Professor of Political Science, University of Vermont

**Tarek Masoud**

Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**Sallama Shaker**

Assistant Foreign Minister for Cultural Affairs, Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Marina Ottaway**

Director, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for Peace

Moderator: **Tolga Koker**, Lecturer in Economics, Yale University

**4:00pm: *The Greater Middle East?***

***The Role of Afghanistan and Pakistan in the Region***

**Barnett Rubin**

Director of Studies at the Center on International Cooperation and Professor of Political Science, New York University

**Touqir Hussain**

Former Ambassador of Pakistan to Brazil, Spain, and Japan and Former Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan

Moderator: **Pauline Jones Luong**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Brown University

**5:30pm: Concluding Remarks/Discussion**