FALL 2011 SYMPOSIUM

9/11: TEN YEARS ON

A series of roundtable discussions, panel presentations, films and visiting scholars lectures considering the implications of 9/11 for U.S. foreign policy, homeland security, domestic politics in the Middle East and issues related to hate crimes, tolerance, immigration, refugees, just war and human rights.

FILM SERIES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

Middle East Film Series: Budrus (2009)
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

Middle East Film Series: About Baghdad (2004)
Description: About Baghdad is the first film made about Iraq after the fall of the Ba’ath regime in July 2003. It is also perhaps the first effort to privilege the voices of the Iraqi people, from all walks of life as well as social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. While many have talked about and for the Iraqi people, few media outlets have sought to probe beyond the simplistic binary of pro-US/pro-Saddam perspective so often found in Western and Arab media portrayals of Iraq. About Baghdad presents Iraqis who describe the pain, complexity and suffering of living under decades of tyranny, oppression, wars, sanctions and now occupation. Silenced for so long by a regime that sought to replace the people with the image of just one man, and re-silenced by the bombs and occupation, the Iraqi people long to speak out and to claim their future. About Baghdad is a small step forward towards that goal in presenting audiences with their first opportunity to hear unadulterated Iraqi voices that should be privileged regardless of one’s perspective on the war and the justifications given for it.

Visiting Scholars Lectures
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

The State of Hate in America: The Radical Right since 9/11
Mark Potok, Director of The Intelligence Project, Southern Poverty Law Center
Miller 1101 7:00-8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

The United States and the World after 9/11/2001
Dr. Ole Holsti, George V. Allen Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Duke University
Miller 1101 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30

The U.S. and Iran since 9-11
Dr. Ali Ansari, Professor of History, University of St. Andrews, Scotland; Director, Institute for Iranian Studies
Miller 1101 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Roundtables and Panel Discussions
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Faculty Roundtable: 9/11 and the Middle East Today
Contact: Dr. Manal Jamal, jamalma@jmu.edu, Dr. Tammy Castle, castletl@jmu.edu

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Voices from the War Zone
Contact: Dr. Terry Beitzel, beitzetd@jmu.edu

Anti-Muslim and Anti-Arab Bias Post-9/11
Contact: Dr. Tammy Castle, castletl@jmu.edu

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

Faculty Roundtable: Muslims in the European Union
Contact: Dr. Jessica Adolino, adolinjr@jmu.edu

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

Roundtable: The Role of the U.S. and the Global Community in Protecting Human Rights: Views from the Ground
Contact: Dr. Valerie Sulfaro, sulfarva@jmu.edu

Visiting Scholars Lectures
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

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