

THE WAR IN IRAQ AND THE WIDER CONFLICT

An International Symposium and Workshop



November 8 and 9, 2006

J.W. Jones Room, Woodruff Library, Emory University

The war in Iraq is a pivotal international issue of our time. What is the ongoing legacy of this bitter conflict, and what are its political, social, and very human implications? How does the Iraq war relate to the wider conflict in the Mid-East, and what does it portend for the future?

Internationally recognized invited speakers and scholars from the Emory community will address these questions across national and religious contexts, historical parallels and contrasts, and the human experience of war and associated violence, including for women and children. Our goal is to engage fresh scholarship and critical new insight concerning the Iraq war and its wider context, and to promote greater public awareness and understanding.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Nadje Al-Ali
University of Exeter
Mia Bloom
University of Georgia
Juan R. I. Cole
University of Michigan
Rick Fawn
The University of St. Andrews
Raymond Hinnebusch
The University of St. Andrews
Augustus Richard Norton
Boston University
Julie Petec
University of Louisville
Sasson Somekh
Emritus, Tel Aviv University
David Tal
Syracuse University

EMORY PARTICIPANTS

Abdullahi An-Na'im
School of Law
Abbas Barzgar
Religion
Vincent Cornell
Middle Eastern & South Asian Studies
Gordon Newby
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Gyan Pandey
History

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Bruce Knauft
ICIS & Anthropology, Emory College
Lisa Tedesco
Graduate Dean & Vice Provost, Emory University

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 8

Introduction – 12:30pm-12:45pm

Session I: The Iraq War – 12:45pm-3:10pm

- The Iraq War & International Relations
- Religious Challenges to the Iraqi Government
- What Kind of Allies in Iraq & Why?
- Iraqi Women & Gender Relations

Session II: The Wider Conflict – 3:30pm-6:00pm

- Palestine & the "War on Terror"
- Israel's Long Reach
- Struggle for the Soul of Lebanon
- Baghdad, Yesterday

Thursday, November 9

Research Workshop – 9:00am-1:30pm

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The War in Iraq – and the Wider Conflict

J.W. Jones Room, Woodruff Library

Emory University

Wednesday, November 8

12:30pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lisa Tedesco, Graduate Dean & Vice Provost
for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies,
Emory University

Bruce Knauft, Executive Director, ICIS &
S.C. Dobbs Professor of Anthropology,
Emory College

12:45-2:25pm

**Session I:
The War in Iraq**

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- **Raymond Hinnebusch** – International Relations Theory and the Iraq War
 - **Rick Fawn** – The Central and East European States: What Kind of Allies on Iraq and Why?
 - **Juan R. I. Cole** – Shiite Challenges to the al-Maliki Government
 - **Nadje Al-Ali**- The Impact of War and Occupation on Iraqi Women and Gender Relations

DISCUSSANTS

- **Abdullahi An-Na'im**, Charles H. Candler Professor, School of Law, Emory University
- **Abbas Barzegar**, PhD Candidate, Department of Religion, Emory College
- **Mia Bloom**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia
- **Vincent Cornell**, Asa Griggs Candler Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory College
- **Gordon Newby**, Professor & Chair, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory College
- **Gyanendra Pandey**, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, Department of History, Emory College

PhD from Oxford University. He is the author of 14 books in English, Arabic, and Hebrew, including *Baghdad, Yesterday* (English translation forthcoming) and *Genre and Language in Modern Arabic Literature* (1991). He has been a Visiting Professor at Princeton University, New York University and Uppsala University. He has also been a Senior Visiting Fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford and The Annenberg Institute in Philadelphia.

David Tal is an Associate Professor of History and International Relations and a visiting scholar at Syracuse University for the 2006-2007 academic year. He received his PhD in History from Tel-Aviv University. Dr. Tal was a Visiting Associate professor at Emory University during 2005-6 and was a member of the Israeli Military History Association's Board. He is the winner of numerous grants and fellowships, including the Kennedy Library's Arthur Schlesinger Fellowship. Professor Tal has published several books, including *War in Palestine* (1948), *Strategy and Diplomacy* (2004), editor of *The 1956 War: Collusion and Rivalry in the Middle East* (2001), *Israel's Conception of Current Security - Origins and Development 1949-1956* (1998). His articles have appeared in a variety of journals and he is currently completing a manuscript on the history of U.S. nuclear disarmament from 1945 to 1963.

2:25-3:10pm

Discussion

Discussants:

Vincent Cornell, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory College

Mia Bloom, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia

Gyanendra Pandey, Department of History, Emory College

Open discussion

3:10-3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30-5:10pm

**Session II:
The Wider Conflict**

- **Julie Peteet** – Dismemberment and the Construction of Place: The War on Terror from the Perspective of Palestine
- **Augustus Richard Norton** – The Losers' Summer War in Lebanon
- **David Tal** – Israel's Long Reach
- **Sasson Somekh** – Baghdad, Yesterday

5:10–5:55pm

Discussion

Discussants:

Abdullahi An-Na'im, School of Law, Emory
University

Abbas Barzegar, Department of Religion,
Emory College

Gordon Newby, Department of Middle Eastern
and South Asian Studies, Emory College

Open discussion

5:55–6:00 pm

Final Remarks and Closing

the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. She is an Associate Editor of the Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures, a former member of the MERIP editorial board, a member of the AFSC Middle East Committee and a board member of Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

Augustus Richard Norton is a Professor in the Departments of International Relations and Anthropology at Boston University. He received his PhD from the University of Chicago. Dr. Norton's publications on Lebanon include *Amal and the Shi'a* (1987), *Civil Society in the Middle East*, 2 vols., ed. (1995, 1996), and *Hezbollah* (in press). Additional publications include: "Pity the Nation," *The Nation* (February 2006), "Ritual, Blood, and Shiite Identity," *The Drama Review* (Winter 2005), and "The Puzzle of Political Reform in the Middle East," *The International Relations of the Middle East* (2005). He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, co-founder and co-chair of the Boston Forum on the Middle East, and chair of the Public Affairs Committee of MESA. In March 2006, he was invited to become an advisor to the Iraq Study Group, which is mandated by the U.S. Congress to take a "fresh look" at the U.S. position in Iraq. This year he is based in Egypt, Bangladesh, and Kuwait on a senior Fulbright research fellowship.

Sasson Somekh, is Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Arabic Literature, Tel-Aviv University, where he served as a professor of Arabic Literature and Head of the Department of Arabic Literature and Language. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Somekh received his

economy in the Middle East. He also has an interest in Third World development. His comparative politics work has focused on rural politics and agrarian development, elites, authoritarian regimes, political parties, and economic liberalisation in the Middle East. His field research and writing has been concentrated on Egypt and Syria. He is also interested in and has published on the international relations and foreign policy making of Middle East states. Dr. Hinnebusch previously taught at the American University in Cairo and the College of St. Catherine in Minnesota, and was a research associate at the Centre for Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Durham.

Julie Peteet is Chair and Professor of Anthropology at the University of Louisville. She is the author of *Landscape of Hope and Despair. Palestinian Refugee Camps* (2005) and *Gender in Crisis. Women and the Palestinian Resistance Movement* (1991). She has also written several articles and book chapters, including: "Words as Intervention: Naming in the Palestine-Israel Conflict," *Third World Quarterly* (February 2005), "Post-Partition Palestinian Identities," *Social Analysis* (1998), and "The Writing on the Walls. The Graffiti of the Intifada," *Cultural Anthropology* (1996). Her ethnographic research spans a twenty five year period and has taken place in Lebanon, Jordan, and the West Bank. Current research interests are focused on spatial tactics in Palestine and the construction of place. Her work has been funded by a Fulbright Research award, a Mellon Fellowship, Social Science Research Council grants, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, and a Senior Research Fellowship from

PANELISTS

Nadje Al-Ali is a Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the Institute of Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter. She received her PhD in Social Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. In 1998, Dr. Al-Ali served as a research fellow at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research. She is specialized in women and gender issues in the Middle East, especially women's movements and activism in Egypt and Iraq. She has also been working on the gendered aspects of transnational migration, and diaspora mobilization with special reference to Bosnia and Iraq. Her publications include *Secularism, Gender and the State in the Middle East* (2000) and *New Approaches to Migration* (ed., 2002) as well as numerous book chapters and journal articles. She has written a modern history of Iraqi women from the 1950s to today *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present* (forthcoming in March 2007). Dr. Al-Ali is currently researching the role of women and gender in political transition in Iraq post-2003 jointly with Dr. Nicola Pratt from the University of East Anglia. She is also active with several women's and peace organizations, most notably Women in Black UK, and she is a founding member of "Act Together: Women's Action for Iraq."

Juan R. I. Cole is Professor of Modern Middle East and South Asian History in the History Department, University of Michigan. He has written extensively about modern Islamic movements in Egypt, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia. His current research focuses on two contemporary phenomena: 1) Shiite

Islam in Iraq and Iran and 2) the "jihadi" or "sacred-war" strain of Muslim radicalism, including al-Qaeda and the Taliban among other groups. Dr. Cole commands Arabic, Persian and Urdu and reads some Turkish, knows both Middle Eastern and South Asian Islam, and lived in a number of places in the Muslim world for extended periods of time. His most recent book is *Sacred Space and Holy War* (2002). This volume collects some of his work on the history of the Shiite branch of Islam in modern Iraq, Iran and the Gulf. He treated Shi'ism in his co-edited book, *Shi'ism and Social Protest* (1986), and in his first monograph, *Roots of North Indian Shi'ism in Iran and Iraq* (1989). Additional publications include: *Modernity and the Millennium: The Genesis of the Baha'i Faith in the Nineteenth Century Middle East* (1998), *Colonialism and Revolution in the Middle East: Social and Cultural Origins of Egypt's `Urabi Movement* (1993), and *Comparing Muslim Societies* (1992). Dr. Cole is also editor of *Informed Consent*, an internet blog of Middle Eastern and international politics, history, and religion.

Rick Fawn is Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. He has taught previously in the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and at Keele University as well as at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London. Dr. Fawn is co-editor of *The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences* (2006), *Global Responses to Terrorism* (2003), *The Changing Geopolitics of Eastern Europe* (2002), and *Russia after Communism* (2002). He has a wide range of research interests on aspects of

international security and comparative foreign policy-making. He also works on various facets of transition, security and international involvement in the post-communist space. Dr. Fawn has also served as guest editor of a number of journal special issues, was an editor and associate editor of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, and currently serves as an associate editor on the St. Andrews team for the *Review of International Studies*, published by Cambridge University Press. In addition to his work in the School of International Relations, he was Director of the University of St. Andrews Centre for Russian, Soviet and Central and East European Studies. He served for five years on the National Committee of the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) and has held various external academic posts and is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Raymond Hinnebusch is Professor of International Relations and Middle East Politics at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. He is also Deputy Director of the Institute for the Study of the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus (MECACCS), and Director of the Centre for Syrian Studies. He is the author of *The International Politics of the Middle East* (2003), co-author (with Rick Fawn) of *The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences* (2006), co-editor (with A. Ehteshami,) of *The Foreign Policies of Middle East States* (2001), *Syria, Revolution from Above* (2000), *Syria and the Middle East Peace Process*, with Alasdair Drysdale, (1991), and *Egyptian Politics under Sadat* (1985). Dr. Hinnebusch specializes in international relations, comparative politics and political