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“Rethinking the Middle East?
Values, Interests, and Security Concerns
in Western Policies toward Iraq
and the Wider Region, 1918-2010”,

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Wednesday, 17 March:

5.00 pm–6.00pm: Registration,

6.00pm-7.30pm: Keynote lecture, Professor Charles Tripp (SOAS),
'The Seductions of Violence and the Making of Iraq'

8pm: Wine and Cheese Reception

Thursday, 18 March:

9am–10.45am: Parallel panel session I

Panel Ia: Iraq and its neighbours

- Chair: Henner Fürtig (GIGA, Hamburg)
 - James Denselow (King's College), Exploring relations between the 'new Iraq' and Syria
 - Magdalena Kirchner (Heidelberg), Iraqi State Sponsorship of Terrorism, 1979-2003
 - Tamir Libel (Bar-Ilan University), From victory to defeat: the change in the Israeli appraisal of the implications of the American occupation of Iraq
- Discussant: Henner Fürtig (GIGA, Hamburg)

Panel Ib: EU Policies towards Iraq and the Middle East I

- Chair: Michelle Pace (Birmingham)
 - Annette Juenemann (Hamburg), Rethinking the Mediterranean: Interactions within the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
 - Christian Kaunert (Salford), European Neighbourhood Policy towards the Middle East: Counter-terrorism versus Human Rights?
 - Kamil Zwolski (Salford), Piracy off the Somali coast: assessing EU's comprehensive security actorness
- Discussant: Michelle Pace (Birmingham)

10.45am–11.15am: Coffee

11.15am – 1pm: Parallel panel session II

Panel IIa: Western policies during the First World War

- Chair: Gaynor Johnson (Salford)
 - Vladimir Boyko (Altai State Pedagogical Academy),
Afghanistan in focus of British and Russian politics: The Middle Eastern context of “irregular game” (1919 – 1950s)
 - Roberto Mazza (Western Illinois University), For God and La Patrie: Antonin Jausen, Dominican and French Agent 1914-1918
 - Andrew Patrick (Manchester), The United States and the Middle East, 1919: Illuminating the Discursive Foundations of America’s Evolving Role in the Region
- Discussant: Gaynor Johnson (Salford)

Panel IIb: Turkey and the broader neighbourhood

- Chair: Dietrich Jung (University of Southern Denmark)
 - Muge Kinacioglu, Emel Oktay (Hacettepe University, Ankara),
Turkey’s new engagement in the Middle East: Can Turkey play a constructive role in the region’s stability?
 - Meltem Müftüler-Bac (Sabanci University, Istanbul), The Turkish Foreign Policy Towards Iraq: Challenges and Dilemmas
 - Mesut Özcan (Istanbul Commerce University), From Distance to Engagement, Turkish Policy toward Iraq in the last decade
- Discussant: Dietrich Jung (University of Southern Denmark)

1pm –2.15pm: Lunch

2.15pm –3.30pm: Plenary session

“Iraq’s Role in Western Policies toward the Middle East”

- Moderator: Professor Eric Davis (Rutgers University)
 - Ambassador Christopher Prentice (former UK ambassador to Iraq)
 - Dr Mowaffak Al Rubaie (former National Security Advisor, Government of Iraq)
 - Dr Mouyad al-Windawi (formerly United Nations Assistance Mission, Iraq)

3.30pm – 4pm: Coffee

4– 5.45pm: Parallel panel session III

Panel IIIa: EU Policies towards Iraq and the Middle East II

- Chair: Christian Kaunert (Salford)
 - Esra Bulut, Rouzbeh Parsi (EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris), Steering with a Faulty Compass? European Mapping of Nation and Religion in the Middle East
 - Sarah Leonard (Salford), The European Union’s Policy towards Iraqi Refugees
 - Hassan Turunc (Royal Holloway, London), European Union and the Middle East: isn’t it is time to move from crisis management to crisis solution?
- Discussant: Christian Kaunert (Salford)

Panel IIIb: Western democracy and human rights promotion I

- Chair: Katerina Dalacoura (LSE)
 - Bezen Coskun (Zirve University, Gaziantep), Values and Security: European Union's Democracy Promotion in the Middle East
 - Thomas Demmelhuber (Erlangen), Tradition, Authoritarianism, and Liberal Thought in the Gulf Region. What Role for Europe?
 - Michelle Pace (Birmingham), Liminality in EU-Hamas relations
 - Frederic Volpi (St Andrews), Framing Islamism in Western Approaches to Democratization
- Discussant: Katerina Dalacoura (LSE)

5.45pm–6 pm: Short break

6pm –7.30 pm: Keynote lecture, Professor Erik Goldstein (Boston University),
'Britain's Plans for a New Eastern Mediterranean Empire, 1916-23'

8pm: Conference Dinner

Friday, 19 March:

9am –10.45am: Parallel panel session IV

Panel IVa: Western policies during the Cold War

- Chair: Lars Berger (Salford)
 - Christopher Dietrich (University of Texas at Austin), A New Resource Diplomacy: The United Nations, Natural Resources, and Decolonization in the Persian Gulf, 1967-1973
 - Rick McAlexander, Couscous Mussolini: US Perceptions of Gamal Abdel Nasser, 1952-1958
 - Azzurra Meringola (Roma Tre), From Carter to G.W. Bush: US resources based conflicts in the Middle East
 - Massimiliano Trentin (Padua), East and West Germanys' presence in Syria and Iraq in the Sixties and early Seventies
- Discussant: Lars Berger (Salford)

Panel IVb: US/UK policies toward Iraq pre-1945

- Chair: Brandon King (University of Toronto)
 - Gaynor Johnson (Salford), Britain, the League of Nations and Iraq
 - Priya Satia (Stanford), Air Control in Iraq: Past, Present and Future
 - Stephanie Wichhart (Niagara University), A “New Deal” for the Kurds: Britain’s Kurdish Policy in Iraq, 1941-1945
- Discussant: Brandon King (University of Toronto)

10.45am –11.15am: Coffee

11.15am – 1pm: Parallel panel session V

Panel Vb: US/UK and Iraq (post 1945)

- Chair: Isam al Khafaji (Amsterdam University)
 - Johan Franzen (University of East Anglia), The Failure of British Policy towards Iraq, 1945-58
 - Bryan Gibson (LSE), The Turning Point: The American Decision to Covertly Aid the Kurds, 1970-1972
 - Brandon King (University of Toronto), In the Eye of the Storm: Ambassador James Richards' Mission to Iraq in April 1957
- Discussant: Isam al Khafaji (Amsterdam University)

Panel Vb: US policies toward the Middle East

- Chair: Lars Berger (Salford)
 - Christine Issa Al-Asmar (American University Paris), Dilemmas and contradictions of America's Middle East policy
 - Maysam Behravesht/Mohammad Reza Kiani (Tehran University), Western Iranophobia and Iranian Westophobia
 - Bartosz Bojarczyk (Marie Curie University, Lubin), US penetration of the Persian Gulf
 - Yevgenija Gaber (Odessa National Mechnikov University), Turkish-American Relations in the Middle East: Balancing Between Power Politics and Interdependence
- Discussant: Lars Berger (Salford)

1pm –2.15pm: Lunch

2.15pm-4:00pm: Parallel panel session VI

Panel VIa: Iraqi Politics post 2003

- Chair: Riyadh Aziz Hadi (Baghdad University)
 - Eric Davis (Rutgers), Taking Democracy Seriously in Iraq
 - Stacey Gutkowski (Cambridge), British encounter with the Jaish al-Mehdi
 - Isam al Khafaji (Amsterdam University), Building professional state institutions is a necessary (but not sufficient) condition to establishing a democratic system in Iraq
 - Reidar Visser (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Electoral Politics in Iraq.
- Discussant: Riyadh Aziz Hadi (Baghdad University)

Panel VIb – Western policies and Women’s Rights

- Chair: Glen Rangwala (Cambridge)
 - Nadjé Al-Ali (SOAS), Women & Gender in Iraq: Transnational Perspectives
 - Kelly Shannon (Temple University), 'I'm Thankful I'm Not a Saudi Woman': American Criticism of Saudi Gender Relations During Operation Desert Storm"
 - Nicola Pratt (Warwick), 'Women's empowerment' as a foreign policy goal in Iraq
- Discussant: Glen Rangwala (Cambridge)

End of conference