

Rethinking the Middle East?
Values, interests, and security concerns
in Western policies toward Iraq and
the wider region, 1918-2010

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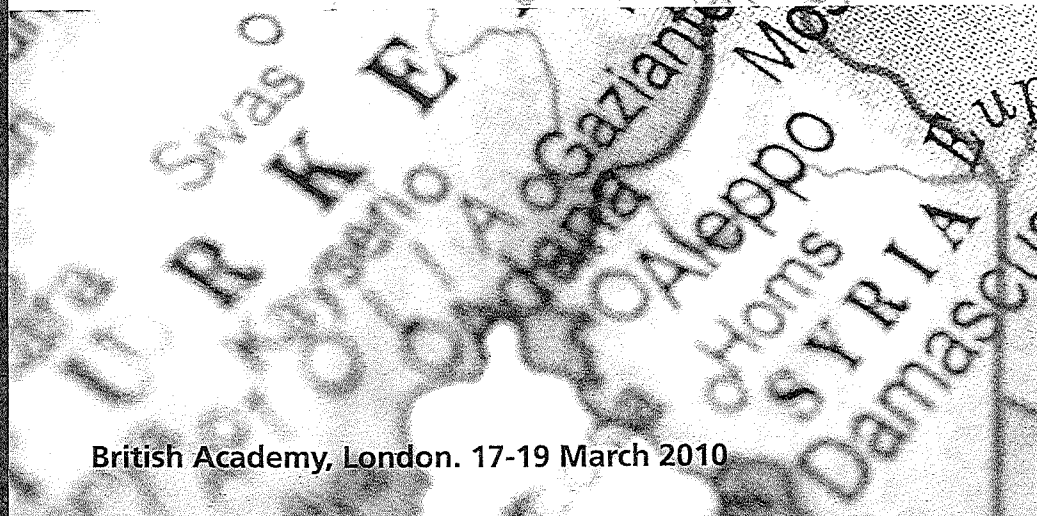
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Wednesday, 17 March:

- 5.00pm - 6.00pm: Registration
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm: Keynote lecture, Professor Charles Tripp (SOAS)
'The Seductions of Violence and the Making of Iraq.'
- 8.00pm: Wine and Cheese Reception

Thursday, 18 March:

9.00am - 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

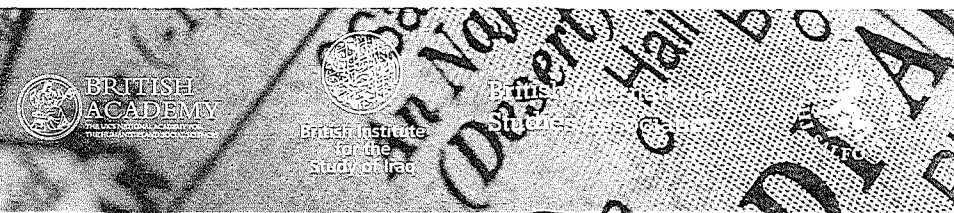
- ✦ Chair: Michelle Pace (Birmingham)
- ✦ Annette Juenemann (Hamburg), Rethinking the Mediterranean:
Interactions within the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- ✦ Christian Kaunert (Salford), European Neighbourhood Policy towards the Middle East:
Counter-terrorism versus Human Rights?
- ✦ Kamil Zwolski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

10.45am - 11.15am: Coffee

11.15am - 1.00pm: Parallel panel session II

Panel Ila: 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)

1.00pm - 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 - 4.00pm: Coffee

4.00pm - 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 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 - 6.00pm: Short break

6.00pm - 7.30pm: Keynote lecture, Professor Erik Goldstein (Boston University), "Britain's Plans for a New Eastern Mediterranean Empire, 1916-23"

8.00pm: Conference Dinner

Friday, 19 March:

9.00am - 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
- ↘ Massimiliano Trentin (Padua), East and West Germany's presence in Syria and Iraq in the Sixties and early Seventies
- ↘ Paolo Wulzer (Roma Tre), Italy's Middle East Policy during the Cold War: Constants and constraints
- ↘ 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 - 1.00pm: 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
- Azzurra Meringola (Roma Tre), From Carter to G.W. Bush: US resources based conflicts in the Middle East
- Discussant: Lars Berger (Salford)

1.00pm - 2.15pm: Lunch

2.15pm - 4.00pm: Parallel panel session VI

Panel VIa: Iraqi Politics post 2003

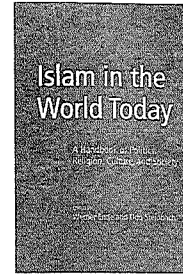
- Chair: Riyadh Aziz Hadi (Baghdad University)
- Eric Davis (Rutgers), Taking Democracy Seriously in Iraq
- Stacey Gutkowski (Cambridge), British encounter with the Jaish al-Mehdi
- Isam al Khafaji (Amsterdam University), Building professional state institutions is a necessary (but not sufficient) condition to establishing a democratic system in Iraq
- Reider 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)
- Nadje 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)

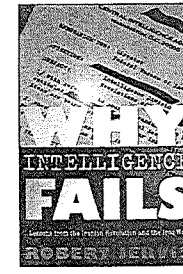
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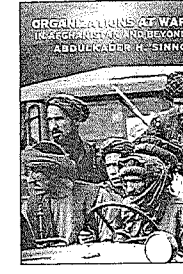
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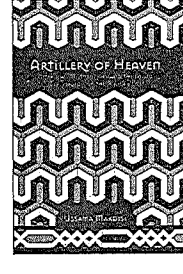
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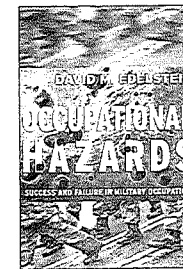
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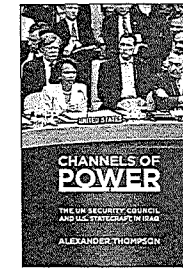
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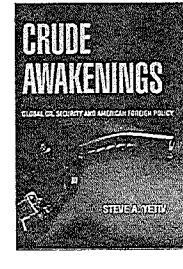
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