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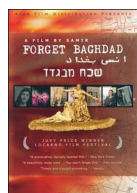
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EVENTS (5)

****Spring 2010 CMES Film Series: Religions & Traditions**



Forget Baghdad

Wednesday, 03 February 2010 at 7pm

Location: [ILC](#) 130

Producer/filmmaker Samir (who uses no last name) narrates how he was born in the "rogue state" of Iraq and moved to Switzerland with his Jewish family when he was a child. He flies to Tel Aviv to look up four men who, like his father, were members of the Iraqi Communist Party before immigrating to Israel, along with 120,000 other Iraqi Jews, following pogroms in the 1950s. [More >>](#)

****Sinan Antoon, Poetry reading**



Sinan Antoon is a poet, novelist, translator, and assistant professor at NYU. He was born in Baghdad and studied English literature at Baghdad University before moving to the United States after the 1991 Gulf War. [More>>](#)

Sponsored by the UA Poetry Center

Co-Sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Thursday, 04 February 2010 at 8pm

Location: UA Poetry Center

****Saba Mahmood, public talk**

Politics of Religious Freedom: Minority Rights, Sovereignty, and Gender



Dr. Saba Mahmood is an associate professor of Sociocultural Anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley. Her research interests include the articulations of secular modernity in postcolonial societies, with particular attention to issues of subject formation, religiosity, embodiment, and gender. [More>>](#)

Sponsored by the UA Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Co-sponsored by CMES

Friday, 12 February 2010 at 1-2pm
Location: UA Gender & Women's Studies 120
(925 Tyndall Ave)

****The following two events are sponsored by the UA Shia Muslim Student Association:**

Screening of "Pilgrimage to Karbala"

A Wide Angle special documentary, which offers a rare glimpse of Islam's past and present, joining a group of pilgrims on a breathtaking and perilous journey to Muslim holy sites in war-torn Iraq.

For more information on the documentary, you can visit the following link:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/episodes/pilgrimage-to-karbala/introduction/1640/>

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: UA Integrated Learning Center (ILC), Room 140

Remembering Imam Husayn's Final Mission: Sunni and Shi'i Perspectives

Dr. Scott Lucas from the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona will give a talk on the historical event of Karbala.

The events of Karbala in 680CE continue to influence the Muslim world in diverse ways. The goal of this talk is to explore how several prominent Sunni and Shi'i historians and theologians have understood the final mission of Imam Husayn in order to illuminate common ground between the two largest religious affiliations in Islam.

Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: UA Integrated Learning Center (ILC), Room 140

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5)

****CMES Travel Grants**

CMES still has funding for two grants, which can be used during the spring 2010 semester.

CMES provides travel funds to UA graduate students to participate in professional meetings, conferences and symposia that are directly related to the students' educational development in Middle East studies. Preference will be given to graduate students who will present invited papers or posters at the professional gatherings. Undergraduate students who will present invited papers or posters at professional meetings, conferences and symposia are also eligible to apply for funding. Funds permitting, awards may be made to students who attend but do not present at Middle East-related meetings. Each student is eligible for one award per academic year. Awards for students who are presenting is \$250.

****CMES Language Pedagogy Workshop Grants for 2010**

CMES is pleased to announce three grants open to any instructor of a Middle Eastern language.

Each grant is for up to \$800 in support and must be used for participation in a Language Pedagogy Workshop between now and August 1, 2010. Our goal in providing these funds is to strengthen and promote the quality of Middle Eastern language instruction here at the University of Arizona.

To apply, please send the following:

1. Short description of workshop (or workshop URL)
2. Dates of workshop
3. Budget
4. 1/2 page describing how you will benefit from the workshop and how you will incorporate this into your language teaching

Send above information to christian.sinclair@arizona.edu

Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

****MENA Fundraiser**

On February 12 from 9am-5pm in the CMES library, the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Graduate Student Organization will be holding a book sale to generate funds for the forthcoming 10th Annual MENA Graduate Student Conference (www.uamena.org) and MENA's guest speaker, Rashid Khalidi, one of the most prominent scholars of Middle Eastern Studies. The conference will take place from March 31 to April 2.

MENA is looking for book donations for the book sale. Drop off your Middle East book donations at the CMES front desk.

Books will be sold for \$5 each. There will also be a variety of baked goods available for however much you can donate. So come to eat, browse, and buy a book! For further information contact jellison@email.arizona.edu

****2010 John F. Richards Fellowship Program**

The American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS) invites applications for support of short-term research or other scholarly projects that will advance knowledge of Afghanistan. Applicants should be at the post-doctoral level or have equivalent professional experience. The fellowship can support work focussing on any aspect of Afghanistan Studies.

The maximum award per fellowship is \$6,000. Applications must be received by April 1, 2010 to receive consideration. Decisions will be made by May 1, 2010. Eligibility is limited to US citizens and permanent residents.

For additional information and to download an application, please go to <http://www.bu.edu/aias/fellowships.html> or contact AIAS at aias@bu.edu

****International Conference**

"From Carthage to the World: The Isoperimetric Problem of Queen Dido and its Mathematical Ramifications"

May 21-29, 2010

Carthage, Tunisia

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For positions now available, please visit the [Employment Opportunities](#) page located on the CMES website.

***To include announcements of your Middle East-related events on this listserv, please send an email to the Center for Middle Eastern Studies ([mideast at email.arizona.edu](mailto:mideast@email.arizona.edu)) by the Wednesday before the week in which the event takes place.

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