Winter 2012
Calendar of Events

Middle East Studies Center
A TITLE VI NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Lectures & panels

**Media Wars: Journalists, Generals and Jihadis**
Lawrence Pintak, Dean, the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication
Tuesday, January 10, 7 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union 328/9
1825 SW Broadway

**Cultural Interactions Between Japan & the Middle East at the Turn of the 20th Century**
Selçuk Esenbel, Graduate Student Advisor, History, Boğaziçi University
Wednesday, January 18, 7 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union
Browsing Lounge (238), 1825 SW Broadway
Co-sponsored with the Portland State University Center for Japanese Studies

**The Iraqi Refugee Experience**
Baher Bhutti, Director of Iraqi Society of Oregon & Yasmeen Hanoosh, Assistant Professor of Arabic Language & Literature, Portland State University
Thursday, February 9, 7 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union
Cascade Room (236), 1825 SW Broadway
Co-sponsored with Better Life USA & the Iraqi Society of Oregon

**Revolt and Reform: Electoral Politics in the New North Africa**
Lindsay Benstead, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Portland State University & Ellen Lust, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University
Monday, February 20, 7 pm

**Modern Art in Iraq: Pioneers to the Period of Looting & Beyond**
Salam Atta Sabri, Director of the National Museum of Modern Art in Baghdad
Monday, February 27, 7 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union 294
1825 SW Broadway

Conferences

**Undergraduate Student Conference: the Middle East**
Friday, March 9, 9 am - 4 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union
Ballroom (355), 1825 SW Broadway

**Content-Based Language Instruction Workshop**
Saturday, March 17, 9 am – 5 pm & Sunday, March 18, 9 am – 12 n
Smith Memorial Student Union, Cascade Room (236), 1825 SW Broadway
Co-sponsored with member institutions of the Western Consortium of Title VI National Resource Centers for Middle East Studies

Lunch & Learn

**The Egyptian Revolution One Year Later**
Asmaa Taha, Arabic Language Scholar, Reed College
Thursday, January 26, 12 n, Smith Memorial Student Union
Browsing Lounge (238), 1825 SW Broadway

**The Withdrawal of U.S. Military Forces from Iraq**
Steve Niva, faculty member, the Evergreen State College
Thursday, February 23, 12 n, Smith Memorial Student Union
Cascade Room (236), 1825 SW Broadway

Film & theater

**Café Baghdad**
Have Arab Coffee with a Jew in the New York City of the Middle East. This cabaret-style performance recalls the Jewish experience in interwar Baghdad
Monday, January 30, 7 pm
Food for Thought Cafe, SMSU Basement
Presented by the Jewish Theatre Collaborative and co-sponsored with the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Jewish Studies at Portland State University, Lewis & Clark Student Activities, the Congregation Ahavath Achim, and the Sephardic Cultural Center of Oregon

**Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story (2009)**
A female talk show host in Cairo stirs up political controversy when she focuses her on-air discussions on the topic of women’s issues
Friday, February 3, 7 pm, Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd
Presented as part of the 22nd Annual Cascade Festival of African Films

**Women Without Men (2009)**
This film tells the stories of four individual women whose experiences are shaped by their faith and society during the traumatic days of Iran in 1953, when a British- and American-backed coup removed the democratically elected government
Presented with funding from the Rashid Cultural Heritage Institute

All events are free and open to the public except **

Updates and additional information about these and other programs is available on the Middle East Studies Center's website: www.mesc.pdx.edu

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Seating for this informal brown bag series is limited. Please RSVP to the Center’s Outreach Coordinator, Elisheva Cohen: e.cohen@pdx.edu | 503-725-5054

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