



2014 LECTURE SERIES Wednesdays, July 9 - August 20

# THE MIDDLE EAST: CAULDRON OF CRISIS AND CHANGE

goal is to review history, explore backstories that give us some context to better understand those inevitable events that are guaranteed to occur over and over, again and again.

We will cover how these crises developed, and why they are important. We'll remind ourselves of Colonial intruders who shaped the lines to their own advantage, and in doing so, misshaped the future forever; then we'll follow "the first Muslim", and many of his divisive-minded followers, as they created some of the deepest intra-faith hatreds today.

As well, we'll track America's actions in the area, fumbling as often as succeeding. But we'll not ignore the two overriding considerations: 'the bomb' with its growing presence, and Israel itself, our strongest commitment, while at the same time, the most evident target for some. Finally, we'll analyze the "Arab Spring" and conclude with a thoughtful analysis of where we, and the Middle East, appear to be going in the immediate future.

Again this year, we've recruited the best of the best to share their insights, thoughts, and fears with us. For all who care for the world, its most dangerous region, and where it's going, this series is a must.

**It's an area we all watch wonder and worry about, because there's always a clash, often a crisis: tribe against tribe, country against country, religion against religion, my bomb vs. your bomb; governments destroy their own cities, drop barrel bombs on their own citizens. Peace talks never begin, or last one day and disintegrate the next.**

These are conflicts that we romanticise and soften with labels like "Arab Spring," "popular uprisings," or "peace initiatives."

Why? Is it all about dictators (as in Libya, or Egypt), all-important tribalism (as in Kenya or Nigeria), religion (Northern Ireland or Kashmir), or even water (as in both our future and theirs)? Or is it simply so many colliding factors that there seems to be no single reason or solution?

This series will not chase events that happen a week or month before we meet, nor will it compete with the daily electronic and local news coverage of these occurrences. Instead, our



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## **July 9 / FROM EGYPT TO IRAN: ARC OF THUNDERING CHANGE**

*Journalist, Correspondent, Author, Lecturer, Robin Wright*

Drawing on 40 years of covering Middle East wars, revolutions and political crises, Robin Wright explores trends that will reshape the world's most volatile region over the next decade. She'll put the headlines of events from North Africa to the Persian Gulf—pivotal turning points in the early 21st Century—into perspective and explain their impact on the wider world.



## **July 16 / THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST IN TWO ACTS**

*UCLA Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, James Gelvin*

UCLA Professor Gelvin, has written extensively on the making of the Modern Middle East, and here focuses on two key events in its history. The first was the construction of actual states, and the Middle East state system in the aftermath of World War I. The second was the transformation of the Arab world itself from the period following World War II, up to the Arab uprisings of 2010-2011.



## **July 23 / MUHAMMAD: MYTH AND REALITY**

*Psychologist, Reporter and Acclaimed Author, Muhammad Expert, Lesley Hazleton*

How much of Muhammad is myth and how much truth? How did Islam's prophet of unity leave behind a seemingly endless legacy of sectarian division? How did this seventh-century life become even more important in the twenty-first century? Lesley Hazleton, author of The First Muslim and After the Prophet, explores these and other questions — including the concept of jihad and the status of women — while providing fresh, challenging insights for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.



## **July 23 / BUILDING PEACE BY RESOLVING CONFLICT**

*Author, Teacher, and Lecturer on Conflict Resolution, Dr. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana*

Doctor Kadayifci-Orellana has found that religious conflicts involving Muslim societies can be effectively resolved using distinct peacebuilding approaches, and has demonstrated success on the ground in Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan, Darfur, Chad, Iran and beyond. Solutions are rooted in religious and cultural practices, but can they also work in the more diverse Middle Eastern community at large?

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## **July 30 / NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND COURSES OF ACTION**

*Three Time Winner of the D. O. D. Medal for Distinguished Civil Service, Michele Flournoy*

Former U. S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Michele Flournoy, with uniquely impressive knowledge of the subject, provides an overview of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and the drivers behind it. She will also frame the strategic consequences of further proliferation, should Iran acquire the bomb and others follow suit, and the options available to the United States and the international community.



## **July 30 / AMERICA'S MIDDLE EAST CENTURY. HOW DID WE DO?**

*Trinity Professor Ronald Kiener; Visiting Lecturer at Universities in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv*

What are the main themes of the United States' century-long involvement in Middle Eastern affairs? Professor Ronald Kiener suggests some discernible patterns. His presentation explores key developments which changed the way the United States relates to the region, and how the region relates to the United States, with special emphasis on the radically new military and diplomatic engagement of the last two decades.



## **August 6 / DILEMMAS OF A JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC ISRAEL**

*Brandeis Professor Ilan Troen, Helping Establish Centers of Israel Studies in the U.S. and Foreign Countries*

On a topic that evokes strong feelings on a multitude of issues, Ilan Troen has been in the forefront of developing the field of Israel Studies as an academic subject in Israel and the United States. He will examine core issues in the challenge of reconciling a national movement with democratic principles in an often hostile environment of competing nationalisms both internal and external to the Jewish state.



## **August 13 / THE ARAB SPRING REVISITED**

*Co-Founder and Editor at Large for GlobalPost, Charles Sennott*

Award-winning foreign correspondent Charles Sennott tells how events leading to popular uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and an outbreak of civil war in Syria were shaped by history and by the moment. Sennott, co-founder of GlobalPost and correspondent for two FRONTLINE documentaries on Egypt's 'revolution,' looks at how U. S. foreign policy failed to see historic changes and missed the moment to promote democracy in a new Middle East.



## **August 20 / AMERICAN POLICY AND A MIDDLE EAST IN CRISIS**

*Harvard Professor of Diplomacy and International Politics, Nicholas Burns, Former Political Affairs Under Secretary of State*

How should the U.S. react to a Middle East in turmoil and revolutions? A preeminent leader, lecturer and writer whose bipartisan successes have made him one of the most significant voices on globalization, foreign and defense policy and global strategy today. Nicholas Burns shares powerful insights on America's future role in international leadership, taking a candid look at American diplomacy in action and the future of U. S. foreign policy.



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Seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning July 9, ending August 20, 2014

\*\*\*9 a.m. to Noon - Hopkins Center - Spaulding Auditorium\*\*\*

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- *An Ancient Heritage of Tribalism; A Current Increase in Rebellion*
- *An Area Capable of Inflaming The Rest Of The World*
- *Middle East Experts Help Us Understand The Backstories*
- *Can The US Expect A Region of Progress?*