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In honor of Professor Wadie Jwaideh’s remarkable service to Indiana University as founder, professor and chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and Professor of History, we are pleased to present the seventh annual

Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture  
in Arabic and Islamic Studies

7:30 p.m. October 21, 2008  
Frangipani Room, Indiana Memorial Union

“Is There an Arab Democracy Deficit?  
Reflections on Democratization in Iraq and the Arab World”

Professor Eric Davis  
Department of Political Science  
Rutgers University

Introductory Remarks Presented by  
Dr. Suzanne Stetkevych  
Indiana University

A reception will follow.  
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**Thank you!**

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Professor Eric Davis holds a B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton, an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. As a professor of political science at Rutgers University, he primarily researches the relationship between state power and historical memory in modern Iraq, the political economy of Egyptian industrialization, the ideological and social bases of religious radical movements in Egypt and Israel, and the impact of oil wealth on culture and the state in Arab oil-producing countries. His three most recent publications include a book, Memories of State: Politics, History and Collective Identity, which has just been published in Arabic (Aug 2008), as well as two new articles: “Rebuilding a Non-Sectarian Iraq” (Strategic Insights, VI 6 Dec. 2007), and “Reflections on Religion and Politics in Post Ba’thist Iraq” (Newsletter of the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq, 3/1, Spring 2008).

Professor Davis will explore questions surrounding why there has been such little progress towards democratization in the Arab world. In the lecture, he will argue that in actuality there is widespread support for democracy in the Arab world, as manifested in numerous public opinion polls. The lecture will examine the impact of oil wealth on democratization as well as exogenous factors, especially US foreign policy in the region.
Professor Wadie Elias Jwaideh had a long and distinguished career both within and outside of Indiana University. He received the degree of Licentiate in Law from the University of Baghdad in 1942. In 1960, he received his Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. During this time, he also held a lecturer position in Arabic at Johns Hopkins University.

His dissertation entitled “A History of the Kurdish Nationalist Movement” is the most comprehensive study ever made into the Kurdish question. This work established him as one of the world’s leading experts on the Kurds. It was published posthumously as The Kurdish National Movement: Its Origins and Development in 2004 by Syracuse University Press.

Dr. Jwaideh joined the faculty of Indiana University in 1960 and became the founder and chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literature and Professor of History until his retirement. In 1972, Professor Jwaideh was given the Lieber Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching. A number of his colleagues and former students contributed articles for a Festschrift in his honor. Dr. Robert Olson edited this book, entitled Islamic and Middle Eastern Society (Amana Books, 1987).

After his retirement from IU in 1985, Dr. Jwaideh accepted an appointment as Adjunct Professor of history at the University of California at San Diego, where he taught until 1990.