Ninth Annual Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture

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**Arab Presidents for Life and the Politics of Succession**

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Opening Remarks by:
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*Thank you!*
Professor Edward Roger John Owen is currently the A. J. Meyer Professor of Middle East History at Harvard University and was previously the director of the university's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Prior to teaching at Harvard, he was a faculty member at Oxford University, where he served several times as the director of the St. Antony’s College Middle East Centre. In addition to his teaching and scholarship, Owen frequently writes columns for English-language versions of the Arabic newspapers Al-Hayat.


Professor Owen specializes in economic and political history of the Middle East since 1800, in theories of imperialism including military occupations and in the political economy of the modern Middle East state. His research interests include the economic history of the Middle East, especially Egypt, from 1800 to the present, as well as the political and socio-economic history of the region since 1880. Currently, Professor Owen is working on two books: one on Arab Republican Presidents for life and a second which examines some of the salient connections between the Middle East and the outside world during the first wave of modern globalization, 1870–1930.
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.