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Abandoning ‘Legitimacy’?: Order, Disorder, and Ideology in Syria

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Opening Remarks by:
Professor Asma Afsaruddin

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Asma Afsaruddin
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**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 PhD 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 will be published in English in the spring of 2006 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 Olsen 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.

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**Lisa Wedeen** is the Mary R. Morton Professor of Political Science and the College at the University of Chicago. She received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1987 and specializes in comparative politics, the Middle East, political theory, and feminist theory.

Professor Wedeen is the author of two books: *Peripheral Visions: Publics, Power, and Performance in Yemen* (University of Chicago Press, 2008), and *Ambiguities of Domination: Politics, Rhetoric, and Symbols in Contemporary Syria* (University of Chicago Press, 1999) which is currently being translated in Arabic with a new preface. She is also the author of numerous articles and serves on the editorial boards of several journals. Currently, Wedeen is working on a new book project titled *Aging Autocracy and Generational Change: Syria, for example*.

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