Twelvth Annual Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture

A D V E N T U R E S  I N  F I E L D - B U I L D I N G:
On the Origins and Trajectory of Middle East Studies in the United States

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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, titled *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 by Syracuse University Press in 2006, as *The Kurdish Nationalist Movement: Its Origins and Development*.

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, titled *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.
Zachary Lockman is Professor of Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies and of History at New York University. His research and teaching focus on the socioeconomic, cultural, and political history of the modern Middle East, particularly the Mashriq. He is the author and/or editor of five books, including the most recent *Contending Visions of the Middle East: The History and Politics of Orientalism*, originally published by Cambridge University Press in 2004. A revised second edition was released in 2009, an Arabic edition in 2007, and a Turkish edition in 2011; a Serbian edition is forthcoming in 2013. He has been the recipient of prestigious grants from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Fulbright Scholar Program, and the Social Science Research Foundation, among others.

Professor Lockman is past president of the Middle East Studies Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Palestinian American Research Center and on the Editorial Review Board for *Arab Studies Journal*.

Abstract of Lecture: The history of Middle East studies in the United States is usually narrated in terms of a number of broad themes: area studies as a product of Second World War exigencies, the Cold War, modernization theory, Title VI, and so on. There is much truth in this framing; but we still lack a more complex and fine-grained understanding of the emergence and evolution of our field that also takes into account the intellectual, institutional and political contexts that facilitated the rise of area studies as a distinct way of producing and disseminating knowledge. The author will share some of the early results of the research he has been conducting on the history of area studies and Middle East studies in this country, in the archives of the Social Science Research Council, the Carnegie Corporation of New York and elsewhere, in the hope of contributing to a fuller and more useful account of how we got to where we are today.
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