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Reflections on Nationality and Sect in Iraqi History

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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 position as lecturer in Arabic at Johns Hopkins University.

His dissertation, titled *A History of the Kurdish Nationalist Movement*, is the most comprehensive study ever made of 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.

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**Abstract of Lecture:** Can nationality be sectarian? I explore this question by examining the historical context of the drafting and implementation of the Ottoman and Iraqi Nationality laws. In both instances, the nationality law made a series of exceptions that rendered a certain class of Shi‘is subject to special regulations. It is not clear, however, how such special regulations furnished the basis of a sectarian citizenship. I focus on the processes of implementation, of issuing of passports, of struggles over jurisdictions between different actors and argue that these actors deployed sect, nationality and tribe strategically to achieve specific results. The making of nationality in Iraq was not an inevitably sectarian process, but a result of specific strategies and contexts that did render it sectarian at critical moments.