IBRAHIM AL-MARASHI

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Modern History, 2004

Dissertation Title: The Nineteenth Province: The Invasion of Kuwait and the 1991 Gulf War from the Perspective of the Iraqi State

Georgetown University, MA, Arab Studies, concentration in Politics, 1998

University of California Los Angeles, BA, History, & BA, Near Eastern Studies (summa cum laude), 1995

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of History, California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), San Marcos, California, 2011-present

Assistant Professor of Contemporary History, IE University, Madrid, Spain, 2008-2011

Research and Teaching Fellow, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2008

Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, **Bogazici University**, Istanbul, Turkey, 2007

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Arts & Social Sciences Faculty, Sabanci University, Istanbul, 2004-2006

Visiting Academic Posts

Visiting Professor, **IE University School of Global and Public Affairs**, Madrid & Segovia, Spain, 2019-2020

Department of International Relations, Ivan Franko University, Lviv, Ukraine, 2016-2018

Department of International Relations, Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, 2016-present

Department of Economics, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 2014-present

Department of Political Science and International Affairs, & Department of Communication, **John Cabot University**, Rome, Italy, 2013-present

Department of Peace & Conflict Studies, **United Nations University for Peace**, San Jose, Costa Rica, 2006

Department of International Policy Studies, **Middlebury Institute of International Studies**, Monterey, CA, 2002-present

Research for NGO/Policy Centers

Biodefense and Middle East Researcher, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, **Middlebury Institute of International Affairs**, Monterey, CA, 2002-2003

Middle East Researcher, Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, London, UK, 2000-2001

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean of International Relations, **IE University, School of Communication,** Madrid, Spain, 2008-2010

TAUGHT COURSES

Undergraduate Courses on Pandemics & History of Disease

International Relations of Covid-19 & the Middle East (Catholic University, Milan) Geopolitics & Globalization of Pandemics (IE University, School of Global & Public Affairs)

Undergraduate History & International Relations (IR) Courses

World Civilization 1500-present (CSUSM)

War and Modern Society (CSUSM)

History of the Middle East 600-1700 (CSUSM)

History of the Middle East 1700-present (CSUSM)

Women and the Middle East (CSUSM)

History of the Middle East through Film (CSUSM)

The Spanish Past & the Modern Middle East (CSUSM)

History of IR up to 1945 (IE University, School of Global and Public Affairs)

History of IR from 1945 to the present (IE University, School of Global and Public Affairs)

Italy and the Middle East (John Cabot University)

History of IR of the Middle East (Catholic University, Milan)

History of Iran (Bogazici University)

Undergraduate Media Courses

The Middle East in the American Media (John Cabot University)

Media in the Middle East (University of Pennsylvania, and John Cabot University)

Undergraduate Modules

The Media, Journalism, & Pandemics (Charles University)

Conflict Management & Analysis (Charles University)

Conflict Management & Analysis in the former USSR (Ivan Franko University)

Impact Writing (IE University, School of Global and Public Affairs)

Geopolitics of Energy (Izmir University of Economics)

Graduate Seminar

Teaching History: Theory & Practice (CSUSM) Historical Perspectives on Media (CSUSM) Advanced Methods in Middle East History (CSUSM)

Geopolitics & Globalization of Pandemics (IE University, School of Global & Public Affairs)

Media and Conflict (Sabanci University)

Media and Politics (Sabanci University)

Conflicts in the Middle East (Sabanci University)

Media & Terrorism in the Middle East (Middlebury Institute of International Studies)

International Relations of the Middle East (Catholic University, Milan)

Conflict and Peace in the Middle East (UN University of Peace)

RESEARCH

Books

The Nineteenth Province: Saddam Hussein's Strategy during the Occupation of Kuwait and the 1991 Gulf War (Manuscript proposal in review process)

With Arthur Goldschmidt, A History of the Modern Middle East (Routledge, 2018)

With Phebe Marr, *The Modern History of Iraq* (Routledge, 2017)

With Sammy Salama, *Iraq's Armed Forces: An Analytical History* (Routledge, 2008) and in Arabic (Oma Publishing House, 2018)

With Alexander Grey, *Peace and Conflict: Europe and Beyond* (University of Deusto Press, 2006)

Sample of Journal Articles

"Iraq's Popular Mobilisation Units: Intra-Sectarian Rivalry and Arab Shi'a Mobilisation from the 2003 Invasion to Covid-19 Pandemic," *International Politics* (submitted for themed special issue)

"Between Insurgents, Militias, and ISIS: The Precarious Future of Security Sector Reform in Iraq," *Conflict, Security and Development* (submitted for themed special issue)

With Amar Causevic, "Can NATO Evolve into A Climate Alliance Treaty Organization in The Middle East?" *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, vol. 76, no. 2, March 2020

"The 2003 Iraq War Did Not Take Place: A First-Person Perspective on Intelligence and Iraq's WMD Program," *International Journal of Baudrillard Studies*, vol. 11, no. 2, Spring 2014

"Iraq's Gulf Policy and Regime Security from the Monarchy to the post-Baathist Era," *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 36, no. 3, Fall 2009, pp. 449-461

With Aysegul Keskin, "Reconciliation Dilemmas in post-Baathist Iraq: Truth Commissions, Media and Ethno-sectarian Conflicts," *Mediterranean Politics*, vol. 13, no. 2, Summer 2008, pp. 243–259

- "The Dynamics of Iraq's Media: Ethno-Sectarian Violence, Political Islam, Public Advocacy, and Globalization," *Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal*, vol. 25, no. 95, Summer 2007, pp. 96-140
- "Constructing the Myth of the Shia Arc: From the Iranian Revolution to the 2003 Iraq War," *Eurasia Dossier*, vol. 13, no. 3, 2007, pp. 1-37 (in Turkish)
- "The 'Dodgy Dossier:' The Academic Implications of the British Government's Plagiarism Incident," *The Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, vol. 40, Summer 2006, pp. 33-44
- "Middle Eastern Perceptions of US-Turkey Relations after the 2003 War," *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 1, Spring 2005, pp. 123-136
- "A New Chapter in Iraqi-Turkish Relations?: Examining the Iraqi and Arab Reactions to the Proposed Turkish Deployment to Iraq," *Insight Turkey*, vol. 6, no. 1, Winter 2004, pp. 119-128
- "Iraq's Hostage Crisis: Kidnappings, Hostages and the Mass Media," *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, vol. 8, no. 4, December 2004, pp. 1-11
- "Saddam's Security Apparatus during the Invasion of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti Resistance," *The Journal of Intelligence History*, vol. 4, no. 2, Winter 2003, pp. 61-86
- "The Mindset of Iraq's Security Apparatus," *Journal of Intelligence and National Security*, vol. 18, no. 3, Fall 2003, pp. 1-23
- "The Clan, Tribal and Family Network of Saddam's Intelligence Apparatus," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counter Intelligence*, vol. 16, no. 2, Summer 2003, pp. 202-211
- "Iraq's Security and Intelligence Network: A Guide and Analysis," *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, vol. 6, no. 3, Fall 2002, pp. 1-13

Sample of Book Chapters

- "Iraq" in Noha Mellor (ed.), Routledge Handbook on Arab Media (Routledge, forthcoming 2020)
- "Iraq: From Saddam Hussein's Security Services to Dismantling ISIS," in Bob de Graaf (ed.), *Intelligence Communities and Cultures in Asia and the Middle East* (Lynne Reiner, forthcoming 2020)
- "The Future of Iraq's Security," in Anders Jägerskog, Michael Schulz and Ashok Swain (eds.), Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security (Routledge, 2019)
- "Projection of Landpower in Iraq," in Jason W. Warren (ed.) *Makers of Modern Landpower:* Post 9/11 Perspective (University Press of Kentucky, 2019)

- "Iraq: State, Society, and the Evolution of the Petroleum Sector in the Shadows of Invasion and Insurgency" in Indra Øverland (ed.), *Public Brainpower: Civil Society and Natural Resource Management* (Palgrave, 2018)
- "Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the Counter-Shock," in Duccio Basosi (ed.), *Countershock: Energy Policy in the 1980s* (IB Tauris, 2018)
- "Reconceptualizing Shi'ism and Notions of the 'Shi'a Crescent': A History of Intra-Shi'a Tensions in Iraq vis-à-vis the Islamic Republic of Iran before and after the 2011 Uprisings," in Paola Rivetti and Hendrik Kraetzschmar (eds.), *Islamists and the Politics of the Arab Uprisings: Governance, Pluralisation and Contention* (Edinburgh University Press, 2018)
- "Military-Society Relations in Iraq, 1921-1958: Competing Roles of the Army," in Benjamin Isakhan, Shamiran Mako and Fadi Dawood (eds.), *State and Society in Iraq: Citizenship under Occupation, Dictatorship and Democratization* (IB Tauris, 2017)
- "Iraq's Thwarted Arab Spring: From the Anbar Protests to the Islamic State," in David W. Lesch and Mark L. Haas (eds.), *The Arab Spring: Change and Resistance in the Middle East* (Westview Press, 2016)
- "The Future of Religious Pilgrimage for Iraq's Minorities: The Impact of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria's Campaign on the Yezidis," in Kevin Griffin and Maria Leppäkari (eds.), *Pilgrimage & Tourism of Holy Cities: Ideological Perspectives and Practical Management* (CABI, Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Series, 2016)
- "Sadrabilia: The Visual Narrative of Muqtada Al-Sadr's Islamist Politics and Insurgency in Iraq" in Sune Haugobolle and Christianne Gruber (eds.), *Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Modern Muslim Contexts* (Indiana University Press, 2013)
- "Lessons Learned: Civil Military Relations during the Iran-Iraq War and their influence on the 1991 Gulf War and 2003 Iraq War," in Nigel Ashton and Bryan Gibson (eds.), *The Iran-Iraq War: New International Perspectives* (Routledge, 2013)
- "Turkey," in Daniel Moran (ed.), *Climate Change and Regional Security* (Georgetown University Press, 2011)
- "Egypt," in Daniel Moran (ed.), *Climate Change and Regional Security* (Georgetown University Press, 2011)
- With Monroe Price and Nicole Stremlau, "Media in Peace-building processes: Ethiopia and Iraq," in Pippa Norris (ed.), *Public Sentinel: News Media and Governance Reform* (The World Bank, 2010)
- "Iraq's Gulf Policy and Regime Security from the Monarchy to the post-Baathist Era," in Matteo Legrenzi (ed.), *Security in the Gulf: Historical Legacies and Future Prospects* (Routledge, 2010)

"Petro-nukes? Divining Saudi Nuclear Intentions from Mass Media, Political Communication, and Regime Survival Strategies," in William Potter (ed.), *Forecasting Nuclear Proliferation* (Stanford University Press, 2010)

"Epilogue" in Antonius C.G.M. Robben (ed.), *Iraq at A Distance: What Anthropologists Have to Say about the Iraq War* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010)

With Aysegul Keskin, "Reconciliation Dilemmas in post-Baathist Iraq: Truth Commissions, Media and Ethno-sectarian Conflicts," in Sune Haugbolle and Anders Hastrup (eds.), *The Politics of Violence, Truth and Reconciliation in the Arab Middle East* (Routledge, 2008)

"Regional Organizations as Conflict Mediators? The Arab League and Iraq" for *Beyond Regionalism? Regional Cooperation, Regionalism and Regionalisation in the Middle East* (Ashgate, 2008)

"Saddam's Security Apparatus during the Invasion of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti Resistance," in Ahron Bergman (ed.), *Warfare in the Middle East Since 1945* (Ashgate, 2008)

"Saddam Hussein's Defense Strategy in the 2003 Iraq War," in Barry Rubin (ed.), *After the Dictator: The Rebirth of Iraq* (ME Sharpe, 2008)

With Abdul Hadi Al-Khalili, "Iraqi Perceptions of the US," in David Farber (ed.), What They Think of US: International Perceptions of America's War on Terror (Princeton University Press, 2007)

Occasional Papers

"The Dynamics of Iraq's Media: Ethno-Sectarian Violence, Political Islam, Public Advocacy, and Globalization," in Monroe Price, Douglas Griffin & Ibrahim Al-Marashi, (eds.), *Toward an Understanding of Media Policy and Media Systems in Iraq*, Center for Global Communication Studies Occasional Paper no. 1, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, May 2007

Sample of Academic Essays

"Does an Iraqi "Sunnistan" Really Exist?" *Oasis: Christians and Muslims in the Global World*, No. 27, July 2018, p.114-120.

"The Arab League as Conflict Mediator: Between Ambitions and Reality," for the theme issued on International and Regional Organisations in the Near and Middle East, Deutsche Orient-Stiftung/German Orient-Foundation, *Orient*, vol. 1, 2018

"US Travel Bans Define Terrorists," in Kristina Lyn Heitkamp (ed.) *Economic Sanctions:* Global Viewpoints (Greenhaven, 2018)

"Travel Bans in Historical Perspective: Executive Orders Have Defined 'Terrorists' since Nixon," American Historical Association's *Perspectives on History*, November 2017, pp. 16-18

- "Between Syria and Iraq: Geography and Identity" in Marina Calculli and Shadi Hamid (eds.) *Syrian Exile: Migration and Political Responsibility* (Edizioni Angelo Guerini, 2016)
- "Les Medias Irakiens Dans L'ombre De l'État Islamique," *Les Cahiers de l'Orient*, no. 121, Hiver 2015, pp. 91-98.
- "The Unexpected Aftermath of Operation 'Iraqi Freedom'," The International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) Newsletter, no. 12, June 2003

Sample of Policy Papers

- "Covid-19 and the Middle East's 'Cold War," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 7 May 2020
- "The Coronavirus and Biosecurity in the Middle East," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 16 March 2020
- "The Geopolitics of the Coronavirus Outbreak," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 21 February 2020
- "The Great Game Over the Arctic," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 20 September 2019
- "Climate Orientalism and the Middle East," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 20 August 2019
- "The Case for a Climate Alliance Treaty Organization," The Pacific Council on International Policy, 12 July 2019
- "<u>Iraq's Duopoly of Violence: A Headache for NATO</u>," Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (Institute for the Study of International Politics, ISPI, Milan), 5 July 2018
- "What Future for Iraq: Unity and Partition after Mosul," ISPI, 27 June 2017
- "Reconceptualizing Sectarianism in the Middle East and Asia," The Middle East Institute, 18 June 2014
- "Iraq's Security Outlook for 2013," ISPI, 3 October 2013

Sample of Op-eds

- "The Poway Shooter Used an Aged Old Terrorist Tactic," Washington Post, 29 April 2019
- "Effects of Trump's Travel Ban Felt In San Diego," San Diego Union Tribune, 9 February 2017
- "These Are the Three Most Common Myths about What's Happening in Iraq," Huffington Post, 1 July 2014

"Iraq in Turmoil: The Rise of 'Syraq'," Al-Jazeera English, 17 June 2014

"Syria Intervention: the US Should Heed the Lessons of the Iraq Weapons Dossier", The Guardian, 1 September 2013

"Just Following Saddam Hussein's Orders," New York Times, 25 March 2003

Sample of Radio and TV Appearances

"Divided Iraq, Fractured Storyline," Al-Jazeera English, 6 July 2014

"This Is About More than Sects," On The Media, 27 June 2014

"How Should the US Navigate Talks with Iran?" Huffington Post TV, 19 June 2014

"60 Minutes," CBS News, 23 March 2003

"American Morning with Paula Zahn," CNN, 10 February 2003

"Lou Dobbs Moneyline," CNN, 6 February 2003

Sample of Book Reviews

Iraqi Federalism and the Kurds-Learning to Live Together, by Alex Danilovich, *Middle East Journal*, vol. 68, no. 4, Fall 2014, pp. 645-646

Dark Victory: America's Second War Against Iraq, by Jeffery Record, International Journal of Middle East Studies, vol. 37, no. 3, August 2005, pp. 441-442

Sample of Article Reviews

Hal Brands and David Palkki, "'Conspiring Bastards': Saddam Hussein's Strategic View of the United States," *Diplomatic History* 36:3 (June 2012)

Hal Brands "Before the Tilt: The Carter Administration Engages Saddam Hussein." *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, 26:1 (2015)

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Conferences Organized

Iran's Media 30 Years after the Revolution: The State, New Spaces, and Identity in the Islamic Republic, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania, 23 January 2009

Peace and Conflict Case Studies: Europe and Beyond, Intensive Programme in Peace Studies, (funding European Commission), Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2005

Sample of Invited Talks

"International Security after World War V: Covid-19 and Global Transformations," IE University, 23 April 2020

- "The Black Mirror of Covid-19: The History of Pandemics and You," IE University Arts & Humanities Division, 12 April 2020
- "Surveilling Covid-19: The Effect of a Pandemic on US Intelligence Infrastructures," School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, Dublin, 8 April 2020
- "The Syrian Civil War at Year Eight," Department of Political Science and International Affairs, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 1 July 2019
- "Homage to Catalonia: From the Barcelona Terrorist Attacks to the Catalan Referendum," IE School of Internationals, IE University, Madrid, Spain, 18 October 2017
- "Conceptualizing the Ideology and Tactics of ISIS," Department of International Relations, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2 December 2014
- "The Iraq Crisis: US and Iranian Interest and Roles," Institute for International Political Studies & International Centro Studi Americani, Rome, Italy, 7 July 2014
- "Exploring Regime Resilience in Damascus," International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, 18 April 2013
- "Uprisings, State, and Sect in Syria and Iraq: What Saddam Hussein's Iraq Reveals about the Conflict in Syria," Department of Anthropology, Fluminense Federal University (UFF), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 18 December 2012
- "Comparing Saddam Hussein's Iraq and the Syria of Al-Asad: Coup-Proofing and Counterinsurgency in Two Ba'athist States," Joseph Kruzel Memorial Foreign and Defense Policy Luncheon Series, Washington State University, 20 November 2012
- "Coup-proofing in Syria: How Ba'athist States in Syria and Iraq Manage(d) to Stay in Power," Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 20 September 2012
- "Coup-proofing in Syria: How Ba'athist States in Syria and Iraq Manage(d) to Stay in Power," National Defense Institute of Portugal, 18 July 2012
- "The Endurance of the Baathist State: Saddam Hussein's Legacy after the December 2011 US Withdrawal from Iraq," Middle East Studies Program, University of California San Diego, San Diego, California, 19 January 2012
- "Thirty Years after the Iran-Iraq War: The Lessons of Counterproliferation and WMD Deployment," Middlebury Institute for International Studies, Monterey, California, 21 August 2010

- "Iran's Media Sphere: Communicating Reform, 'Regime change,' and Legitimacy in the Islamic Republic," Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 17 March 2008
- "The Insurgent Press in the Iraqi Media Landscape," Squadron Program in Media Law & Society, Cardozo School of Law, New York, 9 February 2006
- "Insurgent Media in the New Iraq," Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 7 February 2006
- "Public Debate in the New Iraq," Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2 February 2006
- "Iraq's Cyber Insurgency: The Internet, Mass Media and the Iraqi Resistance," *Lecture Series on Iraq*, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 22 October 2004

Sample of Papers Delivered at Academic Conferences

- "From the Crimean War to the Syrian Civil War," Panel on *History: Lessons Learned*, Lviv Security Conference, Lviv, Ukraine 2020
- "Searching for the 'Iraq' in ISIS: Is the Islamic State a Neo-Ba'athist Insurgency or Transnational Terrorist Group?" Panel on *Ba'athism, Islamism, and ISIS*, Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, 21-24 November 2016
- "Chemical Weapons Deployment and Counter-Insurgency in Ba'athist Iraq," Panel on *Studying the Iraqi Ba'th Party: Challenges, Opportunities, and New Findings, Middle East Studies*Association Conference, Denver, 21-24 November 2015
- "Iraq and the Oil Counter-Shock of 1986," Conference on the *Counter-Shock/Counter-Revolution*, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy, 5-7 November 2015
- "Iraq's Public Sphere and its Hydrocarbon Sector," Conference on *Oil Policy and Publics*, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, 3-4 September 2015
- "Has the Syrian Civil War Reached a Mutually Hurting Stalemate?" Conference on *Syria: Moving Beyond the Stalemate*, University of St Andrews, St. Andrews, UK, 1-3 July 2015
- "Dhulfiqar Ascendant? Reconceptualizing the Applications of Omnibalancing to the ISIS Threat and the pan-Shi'i Imaginary," Panel on *Dependence, Interdependence and Autonomy in Middle East Security,* Annual Conference of the Italian Standing Group of International Relations, Trent, Italy, 26-27 June 2015
- "The Future of Religious Pilgrimage for Iraq's Minorities: The Impact of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria's Campaign on The Yezidis," 7th Annual International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage, University of Girona, Spain, 11-13 June 2015

- "Situating the Rise of ISIS in a Historical Perspective," Panel on *Multi-Pronged Approaches to Deal with ISIS*, Pacific Council Spring Conference, Los Angeles, California, 17 April 2015
- "A History of Neo-patrimonialism and the Iraqi Nuclear Program," *Nuclear Experts and Nuclear Expertise in a Global Context after 1945*, Department of History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 5-7 October 2014
- "The Theological Genealogy of ISIS," Perspectives on Salafi Extremism in the Levant and Iraq, U.S. Department of State, Washington DC, 18 August 2014
- "The 2003 Iraq War Did Not Take Place: A First Person Perspective of the Simulation of Secret Intelligence and Iraq's WMD Program," Conference on *Baudrillard and War*, Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence College, Stockholm, Sweden, 11 October 2013
- "Nonproliferation in the Middle East and the Iraq and Syria Cases", Panel on *Syria*, International Security and Conflict Resolution Program, San Diego State University, 8 October 2013
- "Military Strikes and WMD Programs in Iraq and Syria," Panel on the *Crisis in Syria*, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, CA, 9 September 2013
- "Comparative Sectarianism in Ba'athist Iraq and Syria: How the Ba'th-era Security Services Viewed the Iraqi Shi'a," Conference on *Sectarianism in the Contemporary Middle East*, Centre for Academic Shi'a Studies, London, 13 April 2013
- "Defeating the Alliance of 30: Hussein's Concept of Political Victory during the 1991 Gulf War," Panel on *War Initiation and Termination: Insights from Captured Iraqi Records*, International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, 3-6 April 2013
- "Lessons Learned: Civil Military Relations during the Iran-Iraq War and its influence on the 1991 Gulf War and 2003 Iraq War," Conference on *Reappraising the Iran-Iraq War Thirty Years Later*, IDEAS Center for Diplomacy and Strategy, London School of Economics, 23-24 September 2010
- "The Myth and Memory of Islamist Politics in Iraq," Conference on *Islamic Resurgence in the Age of Globalization: Myth, Memory, Emotion*, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 4-6 September 2009
- "The Visual Narrative of Islamist Politics and Insurgency in Iraq," Conference on *Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam*, University of Copenhagen, 20-22 March 2009
- "Iraq's Gulf Policy and Regime Security from the Monarchy to the post-Baathist Era," International Studies Association Conference, New York, 15-18 February 2009
- "Devolving Power and Decentralization in Iraq in the Aftermath of the 2003 Iraq War: Iraqi Perspectives of International Actors and Local Governance," World Conference for Humanitarian Studies, Groningen, Netherlands, 4-7 February 2009

- "Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Fragile States and The Mass Media," *The Role of the News Media in the Governance Agenda: Watch-dog, Agenda-setter, and Gate-keeper*, The World Bank Communication for Governance and Accountability Program & the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 29-31 May 2008
- "Iraq and Regional Security," Conference on *Security Democratization and Stability in the Middle East*, Catholic University, Milan, Italy, 3 December 2007
- "Identities within Iraqi Society and Their Relationship to the Media," Conference on *Unity and Diversity in Iraq: The Nation's Past and Future*, The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq, and The Hollings Center, Istanbul, Turkey, 26-28 October 2007
- "The Role of Satellite TV and Iraq's Violence," *Media Incitement in the Iraq Crisis*, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, 24 October 2007
- "The Media in Iraq," Conference on *Freedom of Expression and Media Development in Iraq*, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 6-8 November 2006
- "Communicating the Insurgency: Media Coverage of Iraqi Hostages," Conference on *Media:* Vital Ground for Terrorist Operations, NATO Centre of Excellence, Ankara, Turkey, 7-8 June 2006
- "The Ambivalent Relationship: The Arab League as Regional Intermediary in Iraq," Workshop on *Regionalism and Regionalization in the Middle East: Theoretical and Empirical Issues*, European University Institute, Montecatini, Italy, 22-24 March 2006
- "Ten Myths about the Middle East and Democracy," Panel on *Democratization and Security in the Wider Middle East*, XV Economic Forum, Krynica Górska, Poland, 7-10 September 2005
- "Examining Soft Security Issues in Post-Conflict Iraq," *First Global International Studies Conference*, International Studies Association Pre-Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 24-27 August 2005
- "Iraqi Perceptions of the US," Conference on What They Think of US: International Perceptions of America's War on Terror, Temple University, Philadelphia, 25-27 March 2005
- "Re-examining Iraq's 'Nineteenth Province': Saddam Hussein and the Ba'ath Party's Notions of the Iraqi Nation during the 1991 Gulf Crisis," Workshop on *The Debate on the Iraqi Nation: Artificial Construct or Work in Progress*, European University Institute, Montecatini, Italy, 16-20 March 2005
- "Emerging from the Republic of Silence: Media in the New Iraq," *Experts' Meeting on Media Development in the Arab Region*, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Doha, Qatar, 6-8 December 2004

"Representations of Enmity in Iraqi State Documents," Workshop on *The Symbolic Representation of Conflicts: Images and Discourses of Enmity in the Middle East*, European University Institute, Montecatini, Italy, 16-20 March 2002

<u> As Discussant</u>

Panel on *The Saddam Tapes, 1978-2001: The Inner Workings of a Tyrant's Regime,* International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, California, 1 April 2012

Panel on Achieving Nuclear Ambitions: Scientists, Politicians and Proliferation, International Political Science Association, Madrid, Spain, 8-12 July 2012

SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT CSUSM

Department Level

2013-2014, Member, Search Committee for Medieval/Early Modern Europe position 2013-2014, Member, History Department Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Drafting Committee 2015-present, Member History Department Graduate Committee

College Level

2012-2014, Member, Faculty Development Committee (FDC)

University level

2014-2016, Member, Arts & Lecture Committee (A&L) 2014-2016, Member, Global Advisory Committee (UGAC) 2015-2017, Member, General Education Committee (GEC)

Faculty Advisor & Mentoring

2014-present, Faculty Mentor 2015-present, Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations

GRANTS AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

CSUSM Grants

Faculty Development Grant for 2017 to present the paper, "Searching for the 'Iraq' in ISIS: Is the Islamic State a Neo-Ba'athist Insurgency or Transnational Terrorist Group?" Panel on *Ba'athism, Islamism, and ISIS*, Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, 21-24 November 2016

University Professional Development Grant for 2015 for archival research at Oxford University, Summer 2015

Faculty Development Grant for 2015 to present the paper, "The Future of Religious Pilgrimage for Iraq's Minorities: The Impact of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria's Campaign on The Yezidis," 7th Annual International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IRTP), University of Girona, Spain, 11-13 June 2015

Other Grants

International Policy Fellow, Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2006-2007

Pachachi Scholarship for Thesis Research, University of Oxford, 2003-2004

Wingate Foundation Scholarship for Thesis Research, University of Oxford, 2002-2004

Full Tuition Scholarship, The Institute for Political and Economic Studies, Chania, Greece, 2001

Fellowship for Study in Africa, (conducted in Zanzibar, Tanzania), Oxford University, 2001

Fellowship for the Study of Advanced Arabic Texts, (conducted in Fez, Morocco), Univ. of Saint Louis, 1999

Full MA Tuition Scholarship, Georgetown University, 1995-1997