The Louis J. Kuriansky
Fall 2003 Annual Conference

THE NEW ENVIRONMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND ISRAEL’S PLACE IN IT

Sunday, November 2, 2003, 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
In the large auditorium at UConn, Stamford

10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Samer Shehata
Georgetown University
The Prospects of Political and Economic Reform in the Middle East

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Dr. Fawaz A. Gerges
Sarah Lawrence College
The Changing Character of Radical Islamism in the Middle East and its Impact on Stability

Luncheon at the Rich Concourse

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.
Jonathan Schanzer
Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Palestinian Politics and Prospects for Peace

1:40 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Symposium
Has the Middle East Landscape Been Transformed?
Respondent: Dr. Jeffrey Lefebvre

Moderator of Symposium & Q. & A:
Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy
Panelists: Dr. Fawaz A. Gerges, Jonathan Schanzer, Dr. Samer Shehata, Dr. Jeffrey Lefebvre
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Dr. Samer Shehata
The Prospects of Political and Economic Reform in the Middle East
Professor and Acting Director of the Master of Arts in Arab Studies Program at Georgetown University, Dr. Shehata teaches courses in comparative and Middle East politics and political economy, culture and politics in the Arab world, and Egyptian politics and society. Shehata's research interests include social class and inequality; labor and organizations; globalization and its impact on the Arab world and developing countries; "development"; ethnography and the Haji.

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Dr. Fawaz A. Gerges
The Changing Character of Radical Islamism in the Middle East and its Impact on Stability
Christian A. Johnson Chairholder in International Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies at Sarah Lawrence College. A D.Phil. from Oxford University, Dr. Gerges taught at Oxford and Harvard, and was a research fellow at Princeton. He has won several academic awards, including a two-year MacArthur Fellowship. Special interests include Islam and the political process, fringe Islamist movements, Arab politics, and American foreign policy in the Middle East.

Lunch: 12 noon – 12:45 at the Rich Concourse

12:50pm – 1:40pm
Jonathan Schanzer
Palestinian Politics and Prospects for Peace
Soref Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, he also worked for the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Cable News Network, and the Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta. Recently published Middle East-related work in the Wall Street Journal, New York Post, Jerusalem Post, Washington Times, Middle East Intelligence Bulletin and Middle East Quarterly. He has appeared on MSNBC, al-Jazeera, CBS, and the Fox News.
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Credit Courses

HEB 103  Literature & Civilization of Jewish People / Thurs.: 6-8:40 p.m. / Dr. Benjamin Scolnic
HEB 203  The Holocaust / Wed.: 5:30-8:10 p.m. / Drs. Joel Blatt & Nechama Tec
POLS 226  International Relations of MidEast / Wed.: 2:35-5:15 p.m. / Dr. Jeffrey Lefebvre
INTD-291 Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar: Human Rights / Fri.: 10 a.m.-12:40 p.m. / Dr. Richard Watnick
(A session titled Human Rights in Judaism to be given by Dr. Aschkenasy)
CLCS 301-90 / JUDS 397-02  Politics and Society in Contemporary Israeli and Arab Literature / Tues. 2-5 / Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy (a graduate course at the Storrs campus)

Outreach Programs

Lunch & Learn: Among the Nations: The Jewish Experience in Literature, History, and Myth. Thurs. 12-1:30 p.m. October 16, 23, 30 & Nov. 6, 13 / Drs. Aschkenasy, Smith, and Diner, MPR
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