

## PANELISTS

- **Ghassan Al-Atiyyah**, Iraq Foundation for Development and Democracy
- **Ibrahim Al-Jaafari**, Iraqi Governing Council\*
- **Ghazi Mashal Ajil Al-Yawar**, Iraqi Governing Council
- **Nesreen Barwari**, Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
- **Florian Bieber**, European Centre for Minority Issues
- **Michael J. Dziedzic**, United States Institute of Peace
- **Noah Feldman**, New York University School of Law
- **Peter Galbraith**, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation
- **Edmund Ghareeb**, American University
- **Sayyed Mohammed Taha Hussein**, Hawza al-Ilmiya\*
- **Sayyed Adel Abdul Mehdi**, SCIRI\*
- **Sid Noel**, University of Western Ontario
- **Mahmud Ali Osman**, Iraqi Governing Council
- **Fred Tanner**, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- **David Wippman**, Cornell University

## PANEL MODERATORS

- **Carole A. O'Leary**, American University
- **David L. Phillips**, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Abdul Aziz Said**, American University
- **Paul Williams**, American University

\*Invited

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The **Mustafa Barzani Scholar of Global Kurdish Studies** was established on June 24, 1999, in loving memory of Mulla Mustafa Barzani (1903-1979), a visionary leader in the struggle for Kurdish rights and identity. Housed within the Center for Global Peace, the scholar provides a forum for the cultivation of constructive dialogue on reconciliation and coexistence which highlights contemporary transnational issues and emphasizes cooperative, nonviolent approaches toward regional security and conflict resolution in Kurdistan. Three core topical areas will guide the research, course development and program activities of the scholar: Kurdish history and culture in local, regional, and global context; reconciliation among Kurdish groups and factions; and coexistence between the Kurds and the peoples and states of the Middle East.



*“My dear [students], it is very well known to you that illiteracy is like a noose around a nation's neck. The wealth and rights of an illiterate nation can be easy prey for oppressors and greedy aggressors. Our nation has unfortunately fallen into such a threatening circumstance. Therefore, I am asking you to take up the arms of science and education and exert all your efforts to liberate your people from the bondage of illiteracy and to shoulder the burden of promoting your nation to the level of developed nations in the near future. This is the most sacred duty befalling you.”*

~ Mulla Mustafa Barzani  
July 15, 1970

# IRAQ: POWER SHARING AND ITS DISCONTENTS

*The Challenge of Constructing a  
Permanent Iraqi Constitution*

*“We have made  
you peoples and  
tribes that you  
may come to know  
one another”*

**Qur'an, Al-Hujarat 49:12**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004**

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# IRAQ: POWER SHARING AND ITS DISCONTENTS

## *The Challenge of Constructing a Permanent Iraqi Constitution*

On June 30, 2004, the Coalition Provisional Authority is scheduled to formally transfer sovereignty to an Iraqi transitional government. The constitutional process will then move into a second phase, involving the election of a national assembly by January 31, 2005 which will write the permanent constitution. The establishment of a legitimate Iraqi government depends upon the outcome of this process. Irrespective of the date of transference of sovereignty or the final composition of the transitional government, the challenge of constructing permanent power sharing arrangements remains paramount. Two critical issues that will confront the national assembly first surfaced in the debates that culminated in the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL): Power sharing arrangements between Arabs and Kurds, and the role of Islam in government.

Bringing Iraqi political and religious leaders together with international experts on comparative power sharing arrangements, this crucial one-day conference is designed for policymakers, scholar-practitioners and the media. Key topics for discussion include:

- Power Sharing in a Pluralistic Society
- Governing Structures at the Federal Level
- Integrating the National Army and Institutionalizing the Peshmerga
- Islam and Governance

**Pre-registration is required due to security arrangements. Valid Photo ID will be required.**

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9:00 am

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Abdul Aziz Said, Director  
AU Center for Global Peace

Robert A. Pastor, Vice President of International Affairs  
American University

9:30 am – 10:30 am

POWER SHARING AND ITS DISCONTENTS

David Wippman, Cornell University

Break

10:45 am – 12:30 pm

POWER SHARING ARRANGEMENTS:  
LESSONS FOR IRAQ

Moderator and Discussant:

Paul Williams, American University

Florian Bieber, European Centre for Minority Issues

Michael J. Dziedzic, United States Institute of Peace

Sid Noel, University of Western Ontario

Fred Tanner, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Lunch Break (RSVP required)

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

KURDISTAN IN A FEDERAL IRAQ:  
FROM TRANSITIONAL LAW TO CONSTITUTION

Moderator and Discussant:

David L. Phillips, Council on Foreign Relations

Noah Feldman, New York University School of Law

Peter Galbraith, Center for Arms Control  
and Non-Proliferation

Edmund Ghareeb, American University

Break

3:45 pm – 6:00 pm

IRAQI PERSPECTIVES ON POWER SHARING  
ARRANGEMENTS IN A NEW CONSTITUTION

Moderator:

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Discussant:

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Sayyed Adel Abdul Mehdi, Supreme Council for  
Islamic Revolution in Iraq\*

Mahmud Ali Osman, Iraqi Governing Council

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6:00 pm

RECEPTION

RSVP required • WCL Dining Room

WHERE

American University, Washington College of Law  
Ceremonial Courtroom  
6th Floor, Room 604  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Free parking is available in the garage located at the west end of the building. Enter from Massachusetts Avenue.

WHEN

Friday, June 11, 2004

Registration begins at 8:00 am  
Conference begins promptly at 9:00 am

# IRAQ:

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(Please fax or email your registration, as indicated below)

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**MEAL REGISTRATION – NO FEE (Please RSVP):**

- Lunch       Evening Reception

**REGISTRATION**

- There is **no fee** for the conference.
- Please fax your registration form to 202-885-5989 or email: IraqConf2004@american.edu
- Because of security and limited seating, **pre-registration is required by June 1, 2004.**
- **Valid Photo ID** will be required

**HOTEL**

Holiday Inn – Georgetown  
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Email reservations to: Stephen.kendall@higtcd.com

Please call or email the hotel before May 24, 2004 to secure the special conference rate of \$135 / single, \$145 / double, refer to: American University – Iraq Conference 2004



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