



DIVERSITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Commonalities and Polarities

A conference presented by the Center for Middle Eastern Dialogue

April 21, 2011

1.00 PM - 1.15 SUB 100. Opening remarks: Dean James Schiffer, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, chair of the Middle Eastern Dialogue Center's committee.

1.30 - 3.00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. SUB 418. "Upheaval in the Middle East: A Path to Development?" facilitated by Professor Mona Ali (Dept. of Economics) and Professor Lew Brownstein (Dept. of Political Science)

2. SUB 407. "Ideological Plurality in Turkey," facilitated by Professor Serpil Atamaz-Hazar (Dept. of History) and Professor Ilgu Ozler (Dept. of Political Science)

3.15 - 4.15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. SUB 418. "Middle Eastern Women: Breaking Stereotypes," facilitated by Professor Jane Toby (Dept. of Foreign Languages), Orooj Shahid (Senior, Biology) and Aruba Iqbal (Senior, Biology and Political Science)

2. SUB 407. "Middle Eastern Religion: Polarizing or Unifying - a Muslim-Jewish-Christian Conversation," led by Rabbi Bill Strongin (Dept. of History), Reverend Professor Clinton Bennett (Dept. of Philosophy), and Imam Qari Muhammad Asil Khan (Mid-Hudson Islamic Association)

5.00 - 5.15 Introduction to Student Art Exhibition: Professor Jaclynne Kerner (Dept. of Art History)

5.15 - 7.00 SUB 100. Food, Music and Art Exhibition

7.00 - 8.30 SUB 100. "Youth and the Spreading Revolution," moderated by Haifa Mahabir (Senior, Political Science)