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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the eleventh edition of the *Council Chronicle*, the Council's newsletter. The *Chronicle* seeks to keep the Council's alumni, donors, and other supporters informed and updated. One among other efforts to do so on an ongoing basis is achieved by presenting highlights and special reports related to the Council's year-round educational programs, events, and activities. For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both, please visit the Council's Web site at ncusar.org.

About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development, people-to-people programs, academic seminars, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers' conference, specialized publications, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study abroad and Arabic language learning experiences as well as intensive year-round and summer university student internships combined with an academic seminar in the nation's capital.

The Council's *vision* for the U.S.-Arab relationship is one that rests on a solid, enduring foundation of strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation, strengthened continuously by exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike.

The Council's *mission* is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits the United States has long derived and continues to obtain from its relations with the Arab world.

In pursuit of its mission, the Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations programmatic, informational, and human resources clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting edge information and insight to national, state, and local grassroots organizations, media, and public policy research institutes, in addition to select community civic, religious, business, and professional associations.

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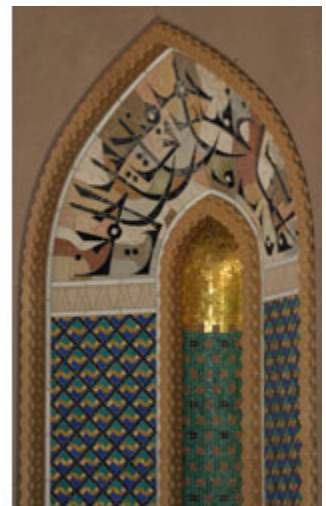
SAVE THE DATE:
20th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference
October 27-28, 2011

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to announce the 20th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference has been set for October 27-28, 2011. For the sixth consecutive year, the Conference will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC. As with each Policymakers Conference since the first in 1991, the agenda and program will be facilitated and moderated by Council Founding President and CEO, Dr. John Duke Anthony, together with the new chairman of the Council's board of directors, Dr. Joseph P. Moynihan. For Conference Sponsorship information, please contact National Council Executive Vice President and Director of Development, Pat Mancino at 1-202-293-6466 or pat@ncusar.org.

UPCOMING:
Ninth Annual Oman Cultural Immersion Program
March 2 - 15, 2011

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to offer, through the Joseph J. Malone Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies, the Ninth Annual Oman Cultural Immersion study visit to the Sultanate of Oman March 4-15, 2011, including required pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC March 2-3, 2011. This unique opportunity will provide a privileged first hand exposure to one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, and socially diverse countries. The National Council is currently accepting applications to participate in this study visit - American professionals in academia, government, the military, non-governmental organizations, business, religious institutions, the media, civic associations, as well as the fine arts, humanities, and the social sciences are invited to apply.

The Ninth Annual Oman Cultural Immersion study visit will provide participants an educational experience that few Westerners and even fewer Americans have had. The program is choreographed to provide Malone Fellows an unparalleled diverse exposure to Oman -- one of the most historically and culturally rich of all Arab and Islamic societies. Until relatively recent times, the Sultanate languished in its status as one of the most forgotten corners of all Arabia. Anyone in doubt about the extraordinary opportunity that being able to visit Oman in this manner presents need only consult any of the several National Geographic Magazine features on the country in the past two decades.





The Malone Fellow delegation's Omani guide visiting Nizwa, historical capital of the former Imamate of Oman and located deep in the Sultanate's interior.



Malone Fellows spend the better part of two days and a night sailing on a traditional Arab dhow to, through, and from the Hormuz Strait, the world's most strategically vital waterway.

More information about the Ninth Annual Oman Cultural Immersion study visit is available on the National Council's Web site at ncusar.org. Individuals interested in being selected to participate in the study visit are required to submit a Malone Fellowship Application and supporting documentation to the National Council no later than February 15, 2011.

Summer Washington, DC Internship Program May 31 - August 5, 2011

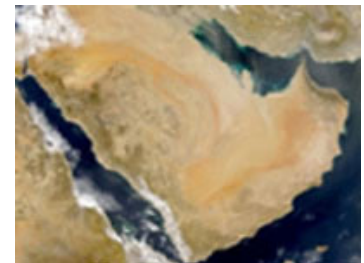
The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Washington, DC Summer Internship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students a one-of-a-kind professional, academic, and career opportunity internship in the nation's capital. The program combines work experiences at the Council and other sister U.S.-Arab/Middle East/Islamic relations organizations with a parallel two-month university-level seminar. By design, the primary focus of the academic component of the program centers on a sub-region of the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world: *Arabia and the Gulf*. Priority consideration for acceptance into the program and students granted one of the 25 Fellowships is accorded to alumni of the Council's premier national youth leadership development program, the Model Arab League. [For more information on the Model Arab League, visit ncusar.org/modelarableague, or see Council Chronicle, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2010, pages [3 - 6] at ncusar.org/pubs/category/council-chronicle/].

The program is administered by National Council professionals and staff in association with more than two dozen among America and the Arab world's foremost scholars and foreign affairs practitioners. The programs, activities, and functions represented by the organizations and corporations that provide the professional work experience component of the program are varied. Included are international educational development and exchange, youth leadership, bimonthly and quarterly publications, humanitarian relief, satellite television media, academic area studies, international transportation, foreign trade, and peace and justice advocacy.

The goals of the *academic component of the program* are to introduce the interns to: (1) an in-depth examination and analysis of the one part of the Arab



2008 National Council Summer Intern Fellows visit Capitol Hill



The academic component of the Summer Intern Program focuses on Arabia and the Gulf

world and planet as a whole -- Arabia and the Gulf -- to which, in the past quarter of a century and counting, the United States has mobilized and deployed more armed forces and spent more taxpayers dollars, with the result that more Americans, Arabs, and others have died or been wounded than anyplace else on earth; and (2) a range of internationally renowned specialists with extensive firsthand knowledge of and experience with the cultures, societies, systems of governance, political dynamics, and economies as well as foreign relations of the nine countries -- Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen -- that comprise the region of Arabia and the Gulf; and (3) the realities as opposed to the myths embedded in textbooks and what passes for established thought, informed opinion, and conventional wisdom regarding the actual behind-the-scenes dynamics of analysis and advocacy as they relate to the foreign policy making process towards Arabs and Muslims in the nation's capital.

The objectives of the *office employment component of the program* are, among others, to provide interns a firsthand opportunity to develop the kinds of skills that derive from: (1) a real-life practical work experience in an institution that deals in one way or another on a day-to-day basis with one or more aspects of Arab-U.S. relations; (2) firsthand participation in the dynamics of Arab-U.S. relations intra- and inter-organizational activities; (3) the practice of personal and professional discipline, punctuality, time management, report writing, administrative operations and logistics, attention to the specificity of details, project completion, instructional implementation, strategic planning, appreciating the need for efficiency and cost-effectiveness, external liaison and representation, and issue definition as well as assignment execution and follow-up.

A side benefit of the program is regarded by many as priceless. It consists of the chance for participants to meet and establish informal mentoring relations with some of the program's administrators and guest lecturers as well as their employers, some of whom each year end up offering full-time jobs to the interns in their employ. In addition, interns have the opportunity to become friends with like-minded participants their own age and, with them, to experience the joys of learning on their own how to navigate the many cultural attractions and the numerous museums and sites of historical significance in the nation's capital.

The possibilities for personal and professional advancement inherent in the academic and work experience, combined with the skills they help to inculcate and develop, together with the extensive exposure to one of the world's most dynamic national capitals, are limited only by the imagination. They include but are not limited to preparation designed to enhance the participants' prospects for embarking upon, among other possibilities, public and private sector careers in business and/or the worlds of diplomacy, academe, public affairs, the media, and humanitarian relief agencies as well as the arena of nonprofit and nongovernmental educational and philanthropic organizations.

Upon successful fulfillment of the program's academic and internship work experience requirements, participants receive a \$1,000 fellowship stipend.

Additional information about the program, along with application materials and copies of previous summer's week-to-week activities from early June to mid-August, are available on the National Council's Web site ncusar.org.



2009 National Council Summer Intern Fellows Visit the Embassy of Qatar



2010 Intern Fellows visited and were briefed at the United States Department of State



2010 Summer Intern Fellows at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs

Summer Study Abroad Opportunities for Students

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to partner again with the Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies and Lebanese American University to offer students opportunities to learn Arabic while studying in the Arab world. Programs for Summer 2011 include:

Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies

Programs:

The Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies houses two main academic programs: the Program in Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies and the Program in Arabic Language. Students enrolled in the college may focus entirely on Arabic language instruction, the Program in Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies, or, as many prefer, a combination of the two. On whatever course work students embark, the college provides a unique learning opportunity for non-degree candidates and degree-seeking international study-abroad students, as well as for people from all walks of life and all stages of career. Students learn Arabic and study contemporary culture and affairs in the region while living in one of the most interesting countries in the Arab world that is likened by many to a living open-air museum.



Summer 2011 Dates:

Summer Term 1: April 24 - May 25
Summer Term 2: June 5 - July 6
Summer Term 3: July 10 - August 10

For More Information Visit: ncusar.org/programs/ycmes.html

Lebanese American University

Programs:

The Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture at Lebanese American University, Beirut Campus, is a multi-faceted language and cultural immersion program that welcomes students from all over the world. The campus situated in the heart of the Lebanese capital provides students a unique perspective on Lebanese culture and daily life.



Summer 2011 Dates:

The six-week Summer program (June 27 – August 5, 2011) is offered at four levels: Elementary, Upper Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced. A separate eight-credit course in Lebanese Dialect will be offered provided there is sufficient enrollment.

For More Information Visit: ncusar.org/programs/lau-sinarc.html

2010's 19th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference

"Arab-U.S. Relations: Going Where?"

With the election of President Obama in 2008, followed by his policy speech focused on fresh beginnings for relations between the United States and the Islamic world at Cairo University in June 2009, expectations were raised that new directions in U.S. foreign policy would emerge. In the year that followed, however, disappointments seemed more frequent than successes: while Palestinian-Israeli peace talks were resumed, the emphasis often seemed more focused on process than on results; diplomatic initiatives toward Iran proved elusive of significant accomplishment; the rhetoric of the "war on terrorism" was dropped but negative images of Islam and Muslims were reinforced in America's mainstream media and domestic politics; and the continuation of armed conflict as well as political uncertainty in Iraq and Afghanistan seemed not only to strengthen aspects of Iran's hand in the Middle East but also cause consternation among Americans, Arabs, and many others as to what the "end game" in either country might look like when and if the continuing levels of armed violence in them were to cease.

Against that backdrop, on October 21-22, 2010, more than 1,000 people gathered for the 19th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference convened by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and chaired by Council President and CEO, Dr. John Duke Anthony. More than fifty speakers contributed to the spirited proceedings over two days of shared ideas, intense discussions and debate, and extensive networking.

The 2010 Policymakers Conference set records at every level - the largest registration and attendance ever and the largest media contingent in the Conferences' history, representing not only print and broadcast media but internet publications and the blogosphere as well, all supported by a record number of Conference Sponsors. Included among the latter were **more than twenty Fortune 500 American Corporations, more than ten international business and trade organizations, and nine Arab embassies as well as the Washington, DC Office of the 22-member country League of Arab States -- the world's oldest regional organization (pre-dating the establishment of the United Nations) dedicated to the peaceful resolution of international disputes.** Always intended to build bridges between the Arab countries, the Islamic world, and the United States, this year's Conference visibly also spanned generations of prominent American, Arab, and other foreign affairs practitioners.

Individual speakers included current and former ambassadors from the United States and various Arab countries, key U.S. government officials, leading military officers, representatives of several non-governmental organizations active in the Middle East, as well as major business and financial interests engaged in trade between the United States and the Arab world. Plenary session discussions dealt with the changing situation in Iraq, Iran's position and role in regional affairs, issues of defense cooperation, the challenges of education and employment as keys to dealing with the Arab world's fast growing "youth bulge", the Palestinian future, the dynamics of energy demand and supply, and business and financial opportunities in the region.

A "Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for Peace, Justice, and Multi-Faith Cooperation in the Middle East" was presented to Dr. Landrum Bolling, former President of Earlham College and of the Lilly Endowment and now Senior Advisor to Mercy Corps. Dr. Bolling was honored for his decades of effort to nurture personal relationships and diplomatic links between leaders of the United States and leaders of states as well as institutions involved in Middle East regional conflicts, with all their global implications. A second award for "Exemplary



Cultural Achievement” was presented to the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. The Center was recognized for its role in “deepening the understanding of Arab-Islamic heritage, encouraging creative artistry, promoting intellectual inquiry, bridging cultural tradition and the study of contemporary issues affecting Saudi Arabia, the Arab and Islamic worlds, and enhancing dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among civilizations, nations, and peoples.”



(L to R) *Dr. Landrum Bolling and Dr. John Duke Anthony*

Former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia as well as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and long-time Foreign Service Officer, Chas. W. Freeman, Jr. keynoted the conference by challenging the conferees to focus on “Failed Interventions and What They Teach.” Though policies focused on homeland security and foreign intervention may create the illusion of increased security in the short run, he suggested, “It is also a prescription for diminished international prestige and support amidst continuing worsening of our country’s relations with Arabs and Muslims. It neither preserves our liberties nor advances our security.”

H.R.H. Prince Turki Al-Faisal Al Sa’ud, former Ambassador to the United States as well as Great Britain, a member of the Saudi Arabian royal family, and previously longtime director-general of Saudi Arabia's foreign intelligence directorate, candidly observed that while Saudi Arabia and the United States agree on many things – world peace, curbing the extent of nuclear weapons, eradicating poverty and disease, the importance of providing justice for all -- there have been and continue to be times when the two countries disagree on method, style, language, and perception. Even as Saudi Arabia has persuaded the League of Arab States and the more broadly based Organization of the Islamic Community to accept Saudi Arabian King Abdullah’s 2002 Peace Initiative, the United States has been largely ineffective in persuading Israel to take concrete steps toward any final agreement that would bring a just, durable, and comprehensive end to the conflict. Saudi Arabia, “while working to overcome the psychological and political difficulties of having fingers pointed at it from everywhere,” Prince Turki insisted, “has opposed the rationalization of extremism and sought to guide religious discourse to a middle way.”

Challenging pessimism about United States policies in the Arab world, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker, noted that although the U.S. involvement in Iraq encountered serious problems in the early years, it has succeeded in opening the door to a more participatory political process and in nurturing a truly national government that, though delayed for months in its formation, has the potential to become a stable, broad-gauged government that, in his view, is unlikely to face an early vote of no confidence. Pointing to a particular bright spot of accomplishment, General John Allen [USMC], Deputy Commander of CENTCOM, highlighted the emerging security architecture among the sovereign states in CENTCOM’s area of responsibility. Such an architecture, he emphasized, has been built not on treaty commitments or binding agreements but by nurturing enduring relationships and underpinned by increasing defense capacity and interoperability among partner states. “The United States,” he reiterated, “will not leave the region.”



National Council Malone Fellow Joseph Stanik and his High School Model Arab League students from New Era Academy in Baltimore, Maryland, at a reception hosted by the Embassy of Iraq.

H.E. Adel Al Jubeir, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States, reminded the audience that, “The Kingdom’s objective is to seek security and stability for its people and for the region. Saudi Arabia is a status quo power. We have no ambitions beyond our borders. We would like to live in a safe, peaceful, and prosperous neighborhood. Our efforts have been geared to building bridges, not destroying bridges.” He pointed particularly to the efforts Saudi Arabia and the United States have made to institutionalize their relations in such a way as “to build bridges directly between different agencies of our governments so that they can handle problems at a working level rather than have each problem grow and literally grow out of context.” In separate remarks, Gen. James B. Smith, United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, noted that the style of U.S. diplomacy in Saudi Arabia had changed dramatically. No longer are U.S. diplomats limited to one-year, unaccompanied tours of duty in Saudi Arabia: “Families are back.” No longer does American diplomacy take place “behind walls” for security reasons; instead, American diplomats are traveling the length and breadth of the Kingdom.



The National Council's Annual Policymakers Conference was held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for the fifth consecutive year.



Such are the challenging and controversial views that comprise a Policymaker’s Conference. But there was still more. There were book sales, an Arab souq - full of the sights, smells, and purchases of the marketplace, and there was endless, spirited conversation. An evening reception at the Iraqi consulate was entertained by the upbeat message of global citizenship sung and danced by the international voices of “Up with People.” And the power of soft diplomacy aimed at teaching the world’s young people the lessons of literacy, cultural learning, tolerance, and humane values was demonstrated by the presence of Sesame Street

Workshop and its diplomatic star, Grover – of Muppets fame. As a luncheon speaker, Grover noted that literacy is important “because every book we read we learn something new.” The same can be said of these Policymakers Conferences: they challenge what we think is true and teach us something new.



Grover from Sesame Street with HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Sa’ud after the October 22 Luncheon which included a presentation on "Muppet Diplomacy" featuring Grover and a keynote address by HRH Prince Turki.



Conference sponsors, speakers, and registrants attend a reception at the Embassy of Iraq following the October 21 proceedings.



The 2010 Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference offered books available for sale (above) from middleeastbooks.com, including several authored by conference speakers. There was also an Arab *souq* (below) for conference attendees to browse during networking periods.

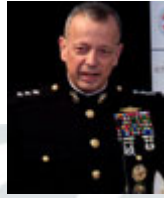




Dr. Mody Al Khalaf



Ms. Kathleen Christison



**Lieutenant General
John R. Allen**



Ms. Maggie Mitchell Salem



**HRH Prince Turki
Al Faisal Al Sa'ud**



**HRH Prince Abdulaziz
bin Talal bin Abdulaziz
Al Sa'ud**



**RADM Harold Bernsen,
(USN, Ret.)**



Dr. Kathleen Hicks



Secretary William Cohen



Ms. Elizabeth Wossen



Dr. Sara Roy



H.E. Adel Al-Jubeir



Ambassador James Smith



Dr. Lama Suleiman



Ambassador Ryan Crocker



Grover



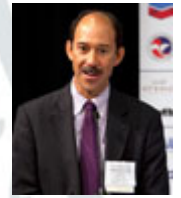
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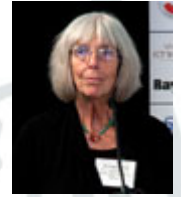
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Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome



H.E. Maen Areikat



Ms. Barbara Lubin



H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna



Ms. Magali Rheault



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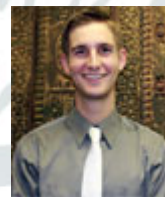
Mr. Pat Mancino



Dr. James Winship



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Geissler**



Mr. Josh Hilbrand



Ms. Chelsey Boggs



Mr. Colin Moore

Speakers & Sessions

Thursday, October 21, 2010

ARAB-U.S. RELATIONS: Misadventures Past and Present



Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr. – Chairman of the Board, Projects International, Inc., a Washington, DC-based development firm specializing in international joint ventures, acquisitions, and other business operations for its American and foreign clients; former President, Middle East Policy Council; former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (1993-94), earning the Department of Defense’s highest public service awards for his roles in designing a NATO-centered post-Cold War security system and in reestablishing defense and military relations with China; former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm); Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs during the U.S. mediation of Namibian independence from South Africa and Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola; and author of the newly published *America’s Misadventures in the Middle East* as well as *The Diplomat’s Dictionary (Revised Edition)* and *Arts of Power: Statecraft and Diplomacy*.

DISTINGUISHED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND MULTIFAITH COOPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST **Presented to Dr. Landrum Bolling**

Dr. Landrum Bolling is Director at Large and Senior Advisor to Mercy Corps working out of its Washington, DC office. His long career has spanned the academic world – where he was President of Earlham College for fifteen years; the foundation world – where he served as President of the Lilly Endowment, one of the largest grant-making foundations in the world, and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Foundations; the world of ecumenical relations – where he was Director of the Tantar Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem; and the world of “non-official” diplomacy – where he has long served as a communications channel between the White House, the State Department, and Palestinian leaders.



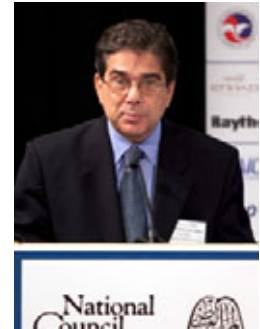
GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (I): The Endgame in Iraq



Mr. Charles Dunne - Resident Scholar with the Middle East Institute; former Foreign Policy Adviser to the J-5, Director of Strategic Plans and Policy of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon; former Director for Iraq at the National Security Council.



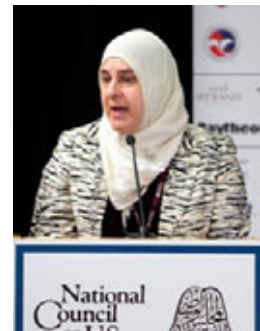
Dr. Michel Gabaudan – President, Refugees International.



Mr. Michael Corbin – Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.



Ms. Manal Omar – Director of Iraq Programs, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, United States Institute of Peace.



Mr. Brian Katulis – Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress.



GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (II): The Iran Conundrum



Dr. John Iskander – Chair of Near East and North Africa Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute; Professorial Lecturer at the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University; former Professor of Islamic Studies at Georgia State University.



Dr. Flynt Leverett – Director, Iran Initiative, Senior Research Fellow, American Strategy Program and Director, Geopolitics of Energy Initiative, New America Foundation; Former member, National Security Council.



Mr. Thomas Delare – Director, Terrorism Finance and Sanctions Policy, Economic Bureau, United States Department of State; former Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy; former Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.



Dr. Kenneth B. Katzman – Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.



Dr. Trita Parsi – Founder and President of the National Iranian American Council [NIAC]; author of *Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Iran, Israel, and the United States* and silver medal winner of the 2008 Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations; 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.



Dr. Thomas R. Mattair – Executive Director, Middle East Policy Council; Associate Editor, Middle East Policy.

OCTOBER 21 LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker – Dean and Executive Professor at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University; former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq (2007-2009); former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan (2004-2007); and previously served as U.S. Ambassador to Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon.

AMBASSADOR’S REPORT: Saudi Arabian – U.S. Relations: The Saudi Arabian Ambassador’s View from Washington

H.E. Ambassador Adel A. Al-Jubeir – Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States and Advisor at the Royal Court.



REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES – EVOLVING CONCERNS



Dr. Kathleen Hicks – Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces Department of Defense.

DEFENSE COOPERATION



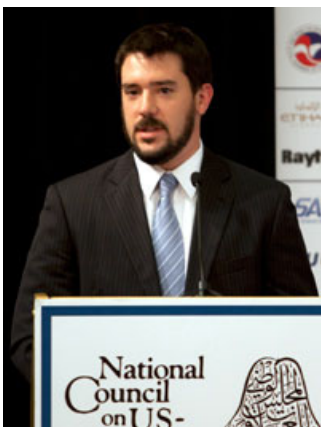
Secretary William S. Cohen
 – Chairman and Chief Executive of the Cohen Group; former United States Secretary of Defense (1997-2001).



Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman
 – Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Adjunct Professor in National Security Affairs, Georgetown University.



Mr. Joseph McMillan – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.



Mr. Christopher Blanchard
 – Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service.



General Joseph P. Hoar (USMC, Ret.) – Former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES: WHAT FUTURE ARAB EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS?



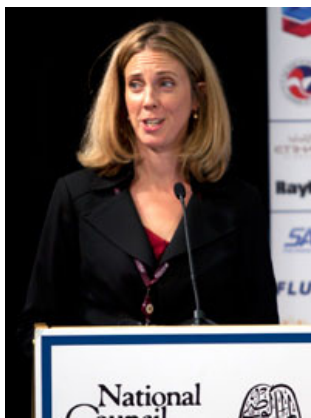
Ms. Anne Joyce – Vice President, Middle East Policy Council; Editor, *Middle East Policy*.



Dr. Mody Al Khalaf – Director of Social and Cultural Affairs, Saudi Cultural Mission, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia.



Ms. Magali Rheault – Senior Analyst with the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies.



Ms. Maggie Mitchell Salem – Executive Director of Qatar Foundation International; former Regional Director for the MENA region at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems; former Foreign Service Officer, United States Department of State.



Mr. John Moran – Career Member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, United States Department of State; Distinguished Diplomat in Residence, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.

RECEPTION HOSTED BY H.E. SAMIR SUMAIDA'IE, AMBASSADOR OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED STATES

An evening reception for conference sponsors, speakers, and registrants was held at the Embassy of Iraq at the conclusion of proceedings on October 21. The reception featured a special presentation from "Up with People," a diverse touring group of young performers.



Friday, October 22, 2010

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Lieutenant General John R. Allen – Deputy Commander,
United States Central Command.

GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (III):

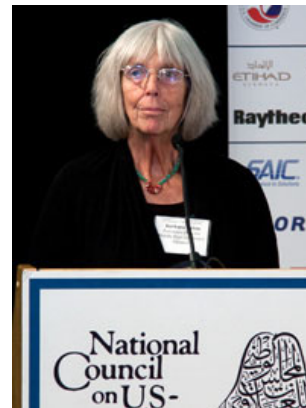
The Palestinian Future – Impediments to Peace and Possibilities for Progress



Mr. William Corcoran – President, ANERA (American Near East Refugee Aid).



Ms. Kathleen Christison – former Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency; Author, *Perceptions of Palestine: Their Influence on U.S. Middle East Policy*; *The Wound of Dispossession: Telling the Palestinian Story*; and, *Palestine in Pieces: Graphic Perspectives on the Israeli Occupation*.



Ms. Barbara Lubin - Founder and Executive Director, Middle East Children's Alliance



Dr. Sara Roy – Senior Research Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.



H.E. Sameh Shoukry – Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States.



Mr. Andrew Whitley – Director, UNRWA Representative Office, New York.



H.E. Maen Areikat – Representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization to the United States.

ENERGY: Sources, Supply, and Security



Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome – President, Fahmy Hudome International; former Associate Deputy Secretary of Energy; Member, Board of Directors, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.



Dr. Herman Franssen – President, International Energy Associates and Senior Associate, Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies [CSIS].



Mr. Jay R. Pryor - Vice-President for Corporate Business Development, Chevron Corporation.



Ms. Rayola Dougher – Senior Economic Advisor, American Petroleum Institute.

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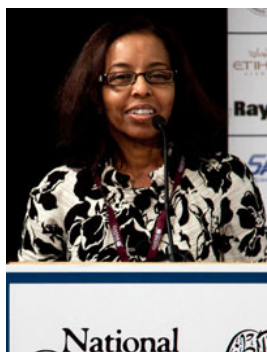
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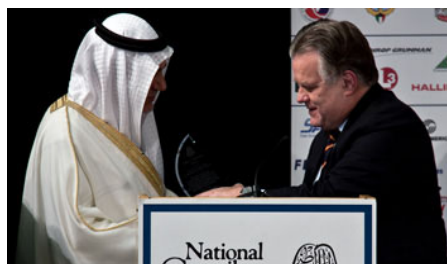


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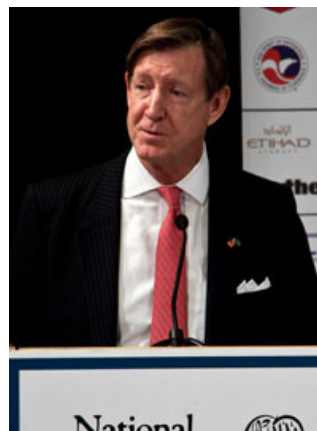


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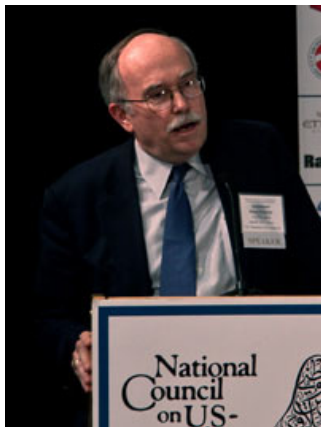
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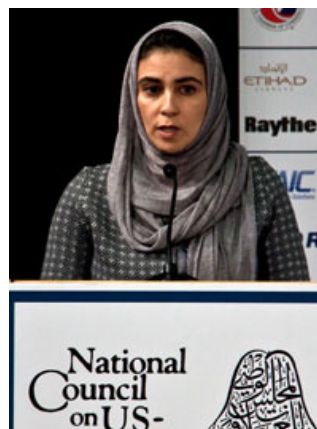
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