

**The Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
and  
International House Global Voices Program**

**Conference**

**Building American Friendship With the  
Islamic World**

**University of Chicago  
Wednesday, December 3, 2003, 1-5 pm  
International House, Home Room**

- 1:00 pm: Introductory remarks: John Woods (Univ of Chicago)
- 1:10 pm-1:30 pm: Islam's attitude toward the West: What do they want?  
(Guity Nashat, Univ of Illinois, Chicago)
- 1:30 pm- 2:00 pm: Political Dimensions of religion in Islamic countries: A  
Weberian analysis of bureaucracy in Christianity and Islam  
(Jerome Braun, Editor, Psychological Aspects of Modernity)
- 2:00 pm- 2:30 pm Multiculturalism and radical relativism: A critical analysis  
(Jerome Braun)
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm American economic consultants and what they can offer to  
the Middle East (Owais Succari, Depaul)
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. America and Europe as models for Islamic democracy  
(Jerome Braun)
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm The West's attempts to modernize the Islamic world:  
A historical retrospective (Holly Shissler, Univ of Chicago)
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Democracy and the rule of law in the Islamic context  
(Charles Keckler, Northwestern Law)
- 4:30 pm -5:00 pm Group discussion with questions from the audience

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