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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