

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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International Conference **REBUILDING WAR SOCIETIES: IRAQ AFTER ISIS** November 21-23, 2017, Basrah, Iraq

Organized by
 University of Basrah
 University of Erlangen-Nuremberg - Center for Iraq Studies (CIS)
 Felsberg Institute for Education and Academic Research (FIBW)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	Tuesday, 21.11.	Wednesday, 22.11.	Thursday, 23.11.
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>	Students' Workshops	<i>Networking Journey on Nassem Al-Basrah (10:00-14:00)</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Session		
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 1	Panel 3	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break		
14:30 – 16:30	Panel 2	Panel 4	
16:30 – 17:00		Closing Session	

TUESDAY, 21.11.

Venue: Basrah University, Chancellor's Building, Grand Lecture Hall

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Thamer A. Hamdan Chancellor, University of Basrah
	Welcome addresses: Prof. Dr. Thamer A. Hamdan Prof. Dr. Sajed Saad Hassan Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs Prof. Dr. Dr. Sefik Alp Bahadir, CIS Dr. Hartmut Quehl, FIBW Keynote speech:
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	PANEL 1: Rebuilding war societies – international experiences and perspectives Chair: Dr. Hartmut Quehl (6 speakers, each 10 min.) Preferred topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - De-escalation, pacification, negotiation and reconciliation - The legal framework: transitional justice and establishing the rule of law - Reconciliation as a historical process - the German experience - Downsizing military personnel and reconfiguration of armed forces - European unification as a process of reconciliation and peace-keeping - Non-violent political economy
13:00 -14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 17:00	PANEL 2: Rebuilding war societies – regional challenges and perspectives Chair: Prof. Dr. Shaker Abd Salam Aljdan (10 speakers, each 10 min.) Preferred topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interplay of domestic, regional and global factors of civil wars in the Middle East region - The role of political cultures and transnational loyalties - Transnational dynamics of civil societies in the region including NGOs, women's rights movements and human rights organizations - Conflict resolution: Western and Islamic approaches - Rebuilding governance in failed states and post-conflict societies of the Middle East - The legacy of colonialism and the impact of the Palestine-Conflict - Economy, ecology and resources
19:00	Welcome dinner

WEDNESDAY, 22.11.

Venue: Basrah University, Bab Al Zubair Campus

09:30 – 11:00	<p>STUDENTS' WORKSHOPS (preliminary)</p> <p>Workshop 1: Key definitions, aspects and dimensions of post-conflict recovery</p> <p>Workshop 2: Intercultural exchange and reconciliation</p> <p>Workshop 3: German experiences of reconstruction and reunification</p> <p>Workshop 4: Emigration of the youth – an alternative to engagement in rebuilding a new Iraq?</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>PANEL 3: Iraq after Isis – challenges and perspectives</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Yousif Ali Abd Alasady (6 speakers, each 10 min.)</p> <p>Preferred topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A look at history: benchmarks of destruction and milestones of development in Iraq - Overcoming the aftermath of disaster and destruction during and after the Saddam regime - The Legacy of the Bremer administration: reduction of military personnel, combatants and irregular armed forces - The needs and challenges of institutional reforms - The role of media and NGOs in the process of reconciliation and rebuilding the new Iraq - The impact of regional conflicts and international interventions on the process of rebuilding the new Iraq - The role of macroeconomic policy and resource management
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	<p>PANEL 4: The role of higher education in peace building and reconciliation processes</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Şefik Alp Bahadır (8 speakers, each 10 min.)</p> <p>Preferred topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The potential of higher education as effective catalysts of post-war recovery in Iraq - Capacity building activities for immediate post conflict reconstruction and training of new leaders - Development of citizenship, democracy and a sense of national/cultural identity - Research in dealing with impact of conflict on infrastructure, displaced people, etc. - Training in peace building, establishment of peace building as a discipline
16:30 – 17:00	Closing session

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