

# IRAQ 10 YEARS ON INTERVENTION, OCCUPATION, WITHDRAWAL & BEYOND

14 - 15 MARCH

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation is pleased to issue this Call for Papers for the forthcoming symposium 'Iraq 10 Years On: Intervention, Occupation, Withdrawal and Beyond'. The event is scheduled for Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March, 2013 and will be held at Deakin University's City Centre Campus, L3, 550 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

The tenth anniversary of the war in Iraq offers a timely opportunity to review the successes and failures of the intervention and the difficulties Iraq faces beyond the withdrawal. This symposium confronts a significant lacuna in academic and policy debates by engaging diplomatic staff, politicians, academics, business leaders, policy-makers, Iraqi expatriates, media and NGO's concerned with Iraq in a robust exchange of ideas on the following key questions:

1. What were the key factors that led to the intervention and occupation of Iraq? What were the goals and how can we measure their successes and/or failures?
2. What is the legacy of the intervention in Iraq? And to what extent have bi- and multi-lateral relations between US/UK/AUS and Iraq been shaped by the intervention, occupation and withdrawal?
3. What are the lessons that have been learned in the last decade for the US/UK/AUS in terms of engagement with Iraq and the broader Middle East? And what are the examples of the most obvious failures and successes in Iraq since 2003?
4. What are the major opportunities and/or roadblocks on the path to investment, development, peace, security and mutually beneficial relations between US/UK/AUS and Iraq? And what are the opportunities to enhance the US/UK/AUS role in Iraq in the short- and long-term?

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

If you would like to present a paper as part of this conference, please submit the following to Ms Cayla Edwards (details below) by Friday 8th February, 2013:

- A title and 250 word abstract addressing one of the key questions outlined above.
- A 100 word biography.

Note that the conference convenor intends to produce a significant publication out of the forum papers. Select papers delivered at the forum will therefore be chosen and included as chapters in an edited volume or articles in a special issue of a journal.

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Mr Mouayed Saleh, *Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq in Australia (TBC)*
- Ms Lyndall Sachs, *Australian Ambassador to Iraq (TBC)*
- Mr Paul Barratt, AO, *President, Campaign for an Iraq War Inquiry*
- Professor Michael C. Hudson, *Director Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore*
- Professor Peter Sluglett, *Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore*
- Professor Riadh Al-Mahaidi, *President Australia-Iraq Forum, Swinburne University*
- Professor Fethi Mansouri, *Director Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University*
- Dr Jenny Grounds, *President Medical Association for Prevention of War*
- Dr Benjamin MacQueen, *Deputy Director of the Global Terrorism Research Centre, Monash University*
- Dr Benjamin Isakhan, *ARC Senior Research Fellow Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University*

## REGISTRATION

For those who cannot present a paper but would like to attend this important event, registration will open on 1 February. Further details and registration information can be accessed via the conference website (URL below).

We would also be grateful if you would distribute this call for papers via your networks and to any interested colleagues, friends and students who might like to participate and/or attend.

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