

RETHINKING THE FUTURE: THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN IRAQ

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The *American University International Law Review* and the *Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG)* are proud to present a symposium addressing the central issues that will challenge Iraqis over the next five years. Topics of discussion include the Specter of Partition, Transitional Justice, Islamic Law and the Iraq Constitution, Strategic Water Rights, the Role of Foreign Lawyers in Iraq, Displaced Persons, and the Role of the International Community in the Rebuilding of Iraq. The program includes a private screening of the award-winning documentary *Meeting Resistance* and a Q&A with the film's Directors.

February 11-12, 2008

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 6th floor, Washington, DC

FEBRUARY 11

8:00 – 9:00

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15

Introductions

Claudio Grossman, Dean, Washington College of Law; *Paul R. Williams*, Executive Director, PILPG; and *Mondi Basmenji*, Editor-in-Chief, AU International Law Review

9:15 – 9:45

Opening Remarks

10:00 – 12:00

The Partition Potential

Panelists: *Paul R. Williams*, Executive Director, PILPG; *Tony Blinken*, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor, Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE); *Daniel P. Serwer*, Executive Director, Iraq Study Group, and Vice President, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations Centers of Innovation USIP; *Laith Kubba*, Senior Director for the Middle East and North Africa National Endowment for Democracy; *Carole O'Leary*, American University School of International Service

12:15 – 2:15

Lunch Presentation

A Private Screening of *Meeting Resistance*

- “This daring, eye-opening film provides unique insight into the personal narratives of people involved in the resistance, exploding myth after myth about the war in Iraq and the

Iraqis who participate." *MeetingResistance.com*
Q&A Session with Meeting Resistance Directors: Steve Connors and Molly Bingham

2:30 – 4:30 **Transitional Justice – War Crimes**
Panelists: *Mike Newton*, Vanderbilt University School of Law; *Michael Scharf*, Managing Director, PILPG, author of *Saddam on Trial*; *David Crane*, Syracuse University, Chief Prosecutor for the Special Court of Sierra Leone; and *Judge Ra'id Juhi al-Saeidi*, Former Chief Investigative Judge and Spokesman for the Iraq High Tribunal

4:30 – 5:15 **Reception**

FEBRUARY 12

9:00 – 10:30 **Islamic Law and the Iraqi Constitution**
Panelists: *Isobel Coleman*, Senior Fellow and Director of the Women and U.S. Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations; *Neil Kritz*, Associate Vice President, Rule of Law Program USIP; and *Ann Elizabeth Mayer*, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and author of *Islam and Human Rights: Tradition and Politics*.

10:45 – 11:45 **Presentation - The Euphrates-Tigris as Strategic Water For Iraq: Short and Long Term Prospects**
Presenter: *Rick Lorenz*, Washington University School of Law

12:00 – 2:00 **Lunch Panel: Bluebooking in Baghdad: The Role of Foreign Lawyers in Iraq**
Panelists: *Vanessa Jiménez*, Senior Peace Fellow, PILPG; *Darin Johnson*, US Department of State, Office of the Legal Advisor; *Rahim Sabir*, Human Rights Watch (Tentative); and *Eric Blinderman*, Proskauer Rose LLP

2:15 – 4:30 **Lives in the Balance: Towards a Secure Solution for Iraq's Displaced**
Supported by the WCL Immigrant's Rights Coalition
Moderator: *Adil Awadh* – Senior Editor, Radio Sawa
Discussants: *Tim Irwin*, UNHCR; *Kirk Johnson*, Founder of the List Project to Settle Iraqi Allies; *Roberta Cohen*, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights; and *Michael Youash*, Project Director, Iraq Sustainable Democracy Project

4:45 – 5:45 **Reception**

6:00 – 8:00 **Keynote Discussion and Dinner: The Role of the International Community in the Rebuilding of Iraq**
Presented by the WCL International Legal Studies Program
Moderator: *Tom Farer*, Dean University of Denver Graduate School of International Service
Discussants: *Ambassador Samir Sumaidaie*, Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S.; *Ambassador Heraldo Munoz*, Chilean Ambassador to the U.S.; *Jamal Benomar*, Director, Rule of Law Program, United Nations; and *Zainab Salbi*, CEO, Women for Women International

General Registration – no charge.

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