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A DIALOGUE FOR PEACE

A live videoconference with Iraqi university students
to be preceded by a showing of the documentary film:

THE ROAD TO FALLUJAH

and a discussion hosted by filmmaker Mark Manning

In this remarkable event, UCSB students will have an opportunity to talk directly with students of the Islamic University in Baghdad via video conference in the Multi-Cultural Center Theater, Sunday, May 9, at 11 pm, following a showing of the documentary “The Road to Fallujah” at 9 pm and a discussion with filmmaker Mark Manning.

There is a ten-hour time difference between Baghdad and Santa Barbara and the late hour of the event is necessary so that we can connect with the students in Baghdad at 9 am their time. Due to the recent escalation of violence, these students must leave their university campus by midday so that they can pass through numerous checkpoints and reach home before evening curfew starts (a journey that can at any point become life-threatening).

This event is also the launch of a major project by filmmaker Mark Manning’s non-profit organization, Global Access Media, entitled “A Dialogue for Peace: The Iraq Peace and Reconciliation College Tour” which will start at UCSB and will move on to Stanford the following week. Each event will feature direct discussions between American and Iraqi university students and will be filmed for webcast.

For all those who have interests in the Middle East, who care about what Iraqis think of Americans, who want to know something about the hopes, dreams, and opinions of Iraqi young people and who have an interest in forming relationships with Iraqi peers this will be an extraordinary opportunity. Because of the significance of this event, the fact that this is the first event in a nationwide tour, and the extraordinary cost (over $13,000) we need to know that we will have a core group of UCSB and SBCC students who are interested in participating.

We therefore request that students who want to participate in the dialogue sign up for the event by email - please send a message to Dwight Reynolds (Director, CMES): dreynd@religion.ucsb.edu

Non-students are welcome to attend and watch, but the dialogue is meant to be specifically between university students here in Santa Barbara and in Baghdad. For more information on the project see: http://www.globalaccesmedia.org

The film “The Road to Fallujah” will be shown at 9 pm and last about one hour. There will be a discussion of the film led by filmmaker Mark Manning, followed by a short break (light refreshments will be served) and a brief informational meeting before the connection goes live at 11:00pm.

Join us for a “Dialogue for Peace”

between the next generation of leaders of America and Iraq!