

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FOR BETTER OR WORSE? HISTORICAL TRENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

OCTOBER 29 - 31, 2015
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CONFERENCE FEATURES

- **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Prof. Samir Khalil Samir, SJ,** Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome "The Fate of Middle East Christians"
- SPECIAL REMARKS: H.E. Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, Kurdistan Regional Government Representative to the United States
- Roundtable discussions:
 The Spill-Over: The Sunni Jihadis of Syria/Iraq and their Impact on the Middle East Region | Jewish-Christianity and the Origins of Islam | Cultures of War: U.S. Military Training in the Middle East and Africa | United Kurdistan: Distant Dream or Emerging Reality?
 More discussions still to come!
- Over 140 paper presentations on a wide range of topics in Middle Eastern and African studies, and related disciplines.
- Banquet luncheon and professional networking reception.
- Film screenings.
- Displays by publishers of the latest academic titles.

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