

Islam and Democracy

A speaker series sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies,
Department of Political Science, Program for Honors and Scholars, and Middle East Studies Center

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

M. Din Syamsuddin

“Islam and the New Indonesian Democracy”*

M. Din Syamsuddin is president of Muhammadiyah, Indonesia’s largest modernist Muslim social and educational organization, vice general chair of the Indonesian Ulama Council, professor of Islamic political thought at the National Islamic University in Jakarta, and president of the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace, based in Tokyo. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles and is author of *Islam and Politics in the New Order Era* (2000) and *Religious Ethics to Build Civil Society* (2001).



Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Mark Gasiorowski

“The Prospects for Democracy in Iran”*

Mark Gasiorowski is professor of political science and director of the International Studies Program at Louisiana State University. A specialist on Iran, he is author of *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Shah: Building a Client State in Iran* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), co-author of *Mohammad Mosaddeq and the 1953 Coup in Iran* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press), and author of many articles on the Khomeini and post-Khomeini periods. In 1994, 1996 and 1998 he was visiting professor at Tehran University.



Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rex Brynen

“Understanding Hamas’ Electoral Victory in Palestine: Causes and Consequences”*

Rex Brynen is professor of political science and chair of the Middle East Studies Program at McGill University. He has written extensively on the politics of Palestine and Jordan, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and authoritarianism and democratization in the Arab world. Forthcoming publications include “The Palestinians: Finding No Freedom in Liberation” in *The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner) and *Palestinian Refugees: Challenges of Repatriation and Development* (London: I. B. Taurus).



Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Toby Dodge

“Political Mobilization in the Absence of a State: Islamism, Nationalism and Sectarianism in Iraq”*

Toby Dodge is lecturer in politics at Queen Mary College, University of London. He is author of *Inventing Iraq: the Failure of Nation-Building and a History Denied* (New York: Columbia University Press), “Trying to Reconstitute the Iraqi State: What Role for Europe?” in *The Crescent of Crisis* (Washington: Brookings Institute Press), and “The Sardinian, the Texan and the Tikriti: Gramsci, the Comparative Autonomy of the State in the Middle East and Regime Change in Iraq” in *International Politics*.



All events will be in Room 120 of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies,
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at least two days before the event.

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