

2009 LUND CRITICAL DEBATE

Out of Iraq? Options for the New U.S. President (2008-2009)



Moderated by Cornell's History Professor Fredrik Logevall, the Einaudi Center launched the Lund Critical Debate Series with "Out of Iraq? Options for the new U.S. President" on November 20, 2008 in Call Auditorium. The debate's four panelists were Lakhdar Brahimi, Juan Cole, Ra'id al-Sa'edi, and Michael O'Hanlon. The Director of the Einaudi Center, Nicolas van de Walle, introduced the new series as part of the Center's Foreign Policy Initiative. He thanked Judith Lund Biggs '57 for her generosity and foresight in supporting this series, which serves to strengthen academic discourse at Cornell and enhance the student experience.

Lakhdar Brahimi has led a distinguished diplomatic career negotiating peace and resolving conflicts between and within nations. In 2007 he was appointed Andrew D. White Professors-at-Large at Cornell. As Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations through December 2005, Brahimi advised Kofi Annan on a wide range of issues, including the prevention and resolution of conflicts.

Juan Cole is the Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History at the University of Michigan. His academic focus is about Egypt, Iran, Iraq, and South Asia.

Ra'id Juhī Hamādī Al-Sa'edī is the former chief investigative judge of the Iraqi High Tribunal and the Cornell Law School's first Clarke Middle East Fellow. He is a respected Iraqi jurist who served in the development and operation of the Iraqi High Tribunal, which tries Iraqis who are accused of committing genocide and other crimes against humanity during the late Saddam Hussein's rule (1968-2003).

Michael O'Hanlon is a senior fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution, where he specializes in U.S. defense strategy, the use of military force, homeland security and American foreign policy. He is the director of the Brookings-ABC Opportunity 08 project.

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