



*Middle East Studies - Lecture Series, 2010-2011*

# Women as Political Leaders in Post-War Iraq

*A Panel with a Delegation of Women Political Leaders from Iraq*

**Time: 11:00 AM**

**Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**SIPA Building, Room 103**

**Modesto A. Madique Campus**

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The treatment of women at both the individual and institutional levels in Arab countries is acquiring great relevance for their democratic development. This is an opportunity to enhance the understanding of women's influence within the Iraqi political sphere. The speakers are accomplished women leaders, who are dedicated to elevating the status of women by combating both the formal and informal processes that contribute to their social exclusion. They will discuss the ways by which federal, state, and local agencies provide legal protections for women. The impact of non-governmental organizations, which encourage and facilitate women's engagement in politics, will also be evaluated.