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CONFERENCE

5th annual engaged
scholarship conference

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Watson Institute
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111 Thayer Street, Providence, RI



friday, nov 10, 2017

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:40 - 9:45 a.m.

Introductions

Beshara Doumani

*Joukowsky Family Professor of Modern Middle East Studies;
Director of Middle East Studies*

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Narges Bajoghli

*Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs,
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs*

10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Panel 1: Investigating Ground Zero

“Dirty Wars, Dirty Wounds: Iraqibacter and the Ecologies of War in the Middle East”

Omar Dewachi

*Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Social Medicine and Global Health;
Co-Director of the Conflict Medicine Program, American University of Beirut*

“Halabja and Khan Sheikhoun: A Tale of Two Fictions”

Joost Hiltermann

Middle East North Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group

MODERATOR:

Adam Levine

*Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Director of Global Emergency
Medicine Fellowship, The Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University;
Director, Humanitarian Innovation Initiative (HI2), Watson Institute*

11:15 - 11:35 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:35 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Panel 2: Illicit Trade of Deadly Bombs

“The Proliferation Debate in Cross-Cultural Perspective”

Hugh Gusterson

Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs, George Washington University

“Tracking the Mideast Arms Trade: Available Resources and Research Challenges”

William Hartung

*Author of Prophets of War: Lockheed Martin and the Making of the Military-
Industrial Complex and co-editor, with Miriam Pemberton, of
Lessons from Iraq: Avoiding the Next War*

MODERATOR:

Nina Tannenwald

*Director, International Relations Program,
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs;
Senior Lecturer in Political Science*

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Lunch for Speakers and Invited Guests

Kim Koo Library

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Panel 3:

Legacies of Global Toxic Landscapes

“FUDS (Formerly Used Defense Sites): Slow Chemical Warfare and the Impact of US Military Activity”

Catherine Lütz

*Thomas J. Watson, Jr. Family Professor of International Studies;
Professor of Anthropology, Brown University*

“Indifference and Issues that Never Go Away”

Fabienne Lips-Dumas

Internationally-awarded producer, director, writer and journalist

MODERATOR:

Scott Frickel

Professor of Environment and Society and Sociology, Brown University

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

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