The Religion, Media and International Affairs Project at Syracuse University presents:

“OLD AND NEW MEDIA, AND THE CHANGING FACES OF ISLAM”

An international symposium to be held on April 2 & 3, 2009 at the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs of Syracuse University.

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This symposium will investigate the reciprocal influences of the press, religion and political power in the Muslim world by addressing the implications of the following questions:

How are Islamic communities using old and new media to promote their messages?

How is the non-Muslim media interacting with the Muslim world through the use of old and new media?

Special attendees include visiting fellows from the Middle East and North Africa as part of the Leaders for Democracy program at the Maxwell School for Citizenship & Public Affairs.

**SPEAKERS**

- Hafez Al-Mirazi • The Muslim Media and Obama’s America: A Short Honeymoon?
- Abderrahim Foukara • Going in looking out: Arab Satellite TV in the age of the internet
- Roger Hardy • Good Muslim, Bad Muslim and the Battle for Hearts and Minds
- Toby Jones • Is Anybody Listening? Women and the Media in the Middle East
- Rami Khouri • Political party or God’s instrument? Reflections on reporting accurately on Hizbullah, the ‘Party of God’
- Dafna Linzer • Five Years of Hearts and Minds
- Jonathan Lyons • Media and its Discontent: Why the West Doesn’t ‘Get’ Islam
- Lawrence Pintak • New Prisms in the Distorted Lens
- Nir Rosen • TBA
- Mehrzad Boroujerdi • Tazim Kassam • Gustav Niebuhr • Nancy Snow

**COMEDY SHOW**

“Arabs Gone Wild”

Acts Include: Dean Obeidallah, Maysoon Zayid, Maria Shehata, and Amer Zahr

**CONFERENCE CONVENERS**

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**VENUE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Maxwell School Public Events Room (220 Eggers Hall)

5:00 – 5:30 PM Reception
5:30 – 6:45 PM Introductory Remarks
6:45 – 7:00 PM Keynote Address by Lawrence Pintak

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009**

Maxwell School Global Collaboratory (060 Eggers Hall)

9:00 – 10:00 AM Panel 1
“Covering” Islam
10:00 – 10:30 AM Discussion and Q&A
10:30 – 10:45 AM Break (220 Eggers Hall)
10:45 – 12:00 PM Panel 2
Media and its Constituency
12:00 – 12:30 PM Discussion and Q&A
12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break (220 Eggers Hall)
1:30 – 2:30 PM Panel 3
Public Diplomacy toward the Muslim World
2:30 – 3:00 PM Discussion and Q&A
3:00 – 3:15 PM Break (220 Eggers Hall)
3:15 – 4:15 PM Panel 4
Muslim Media’s Different Take
4:15 – 4:30 PM Discussion and Q&A
4:30 – 5:00 PM Panel 5
Closing Remarks

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The conference and the comedy show are free and open to the public.