

Event: **Kurdish Human Rights Conference and Film Festival**

Date: **September 4 and 5, 2004**

Host & Location: **Social Cultural Anthropology Program**

California Institute of Integral Studies

1453 Mission Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

Title: **KURDISH HUMAN RIGHTS: Statelessness, Resistance, and Survival**

Purpose of the Conference:

The Kurds and their allies have been engaged in diverse struggles for survival and cultural rights. The conference will bring together prominent scholar-activists to discuss the politics of Kurdish nationalisms, ethnic identities, and human rights. Nation-building and statelessness, ethnicity and race, gender and class, Empire and neocolonialism, as well as strategies for cooperation between stakeholders in the Middle East and the Kurdish diaspora, will be discussed.

The two-day conference also features a cultural celebration with Kurdish food, music, dance, and a film festival. Individuals and organizations committed to social change and human rights are cordially invited.

Presenters include:

Tara Aziz	Robert Olson
Angana Chatterji	Mitchell Plitnick
Fredrick Cloyd	Soraya Serajeddini
Ali Ezzatyar	Richard Shapiro
Michael Gunter	Joe Subbiondo
Rashid Karadaghi	Kerim Yildiz
Brucek Khailany	Nicole Watts

Diane King

Kani Xulam

Soraya Mofty

Stephen Zunes

Mustafa Mirzeler

Saturday Conference:

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Opening Remarks and Sessions including Lunch

Topics include:

Nation-building and the Kurds

Current Landscape of the Kurds

Alliances and Strategies

6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Traditional Kurdish Dinner and Kurdish cultural celebration

Sunday Film Festival:

10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Films include:

InNowhereLand (Nirgendwo)

Jiyan

Saddam's Mass Graves

A Song For Beko (Klamek Ji Bo Beko)

Time for Drunken Horses (Dema Hespên Serxwes,)

Registration is required, Sliding Scale Prices

No one turned away for lack of funds

Translators and interpreters will be made available to serve the diverse Kurdish community.

Supporters of the conference include:

American Kurdish Information Network

Bocce Cafe

Cheryl Hatch

Ed Kashi

Mustafa Kart

Koma Govend Kurdish Folk Dance Group

Kurdish-American Youth Organization

Kurdish Human Rights Watch

Kurdish National Congress

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Middle East Children's Alliance

Evini Films

Vanguard Public Foundation

Washington Kurdish Institute

For more information:

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