The Centre for Middle East and North African Studies and the Centre for Cultural History are proud to present

Professor Saree Makdisi, Professor of English Literature at UCLA

1pm Monday, September 21 in W6A 127

“Jerusalem: The Excavation of Memory”

In 2004, construction began in Jerusalem on the local branch of the Los Angeles-based Museum of Tolerance, designed by the leading American architect, Frank Gehry. The museum is now being built over the remains of what had been the largest and most important Muslim cemetery in Palestine, which had been in continual use from the time of the Crusades up until 1948. The clash between the two competing claims to the same site offers a paradigmatic case to explore and rethink the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, since all of the elements of the larger conflict are also in play in the struggle over this specific site.

Saree Makdisi’s academic profile can be found at: http://www.english.ucla.edu/people/facpages.asp?person_id=425.


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