

GOD AND WAR – DOES RELIGION CAUSE VIOLENCE?

Saturday April 19, 9:00 -11:45 am

Free to the Public

(Continental Breakfast/ Check in begins at 8:30)

The Fe Bland Auditorium, Santa Barbara City College, West Campus
Presented by The Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue

What role does religion play in dividing people? Why do some people say their religion inspires them to kill others or oppress them?

PANELISTS

Mark Juergensmeyer, Director of the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies and Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies at



UCSB, widely known as the author of *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence*.



Dr. Nader Hashemi, author of *Rethinking the Relationship between Religion, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies*.



Imam Ibrahim Kazerooni, a Muslim leader and scholar who fled Iraq after imprisonment by Saddam Hussein and now serves as director of the Abrahamic Initiative program at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver.

Respondent: **Yoav ben Horin**, a Jewish scholar and expert commentator on Middle Eastern and Arab – Israeli Affairs, and **Mona Kanwal Sheikh**, visiting research scholar at the Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies - and PhD candidate at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Moderator: **Dr. Peter Haslund**, Chair of SBCC's Political Science Department and Coordinator of the College's Global and International Studies program.

The event is also part of the conference sponsored by SBCC's Middle East Studies Program on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, *Looking to the Future: New Paradigms and Perspective on the Middle East*.

Details at:

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