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**Report of Guest Lecture on United States and the Middle East: Democracy, Protectionism and Interventionism**

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**Report on Guest Lecture****United States and the Middle East: Democracy, Protectionism and Interventionism**

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Integral University, Lucknow, conducted an insightful and enriching online lecture at 12:00 PM onwards, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 titled “**United States and the Middle East: Democracy, Protectionism and Interventionism**”, which was delivered by **Prof . Nadim Shehadi**.

Professor Nadim Shehadi is a Lebanese economist with an interest in the History of Economic Thought. Until recently he was executive director of the Lebanese American University’s New York headquarters and academic center. He has also held positions as director of the Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (2014-18); as associate fellow of the Middle East and North Africa Program at Chatham House in London (1999-2020); as senior member of St Antony's College Oxford from 1986-2016 where he was also director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies from 1986 to 2005. He is a member of the executive board of the Centro de Estudios de Oriente Medio of the Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura in Madrid; of the Consultative Council of UMAM D&R and has advisory positions to several organizations. He is also a consultant to a number of governments and international organizations and has produced several publications. Professor Nadim contributes regularly to media coverage of Middle Eastern affairs and currently writes a semi-regular opinion column in Arab News.

The programme was beamed in the following time zones through you tube channel of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Integral University, Lucknow.

SNO	Country	Date	Day	Time
1	India (Lucknow)	29 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	12:00 PM
2	United Kingdom (London)	29 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	06:30 AM
3	Lebanon (Beirut )	29 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	08:30AM
4	United States of America (California)	28 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday	11:30PM

**Platform:** Youtube (online) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXZGuVdaTWM>

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/LqsWsn3ER3ZcjVQp7>

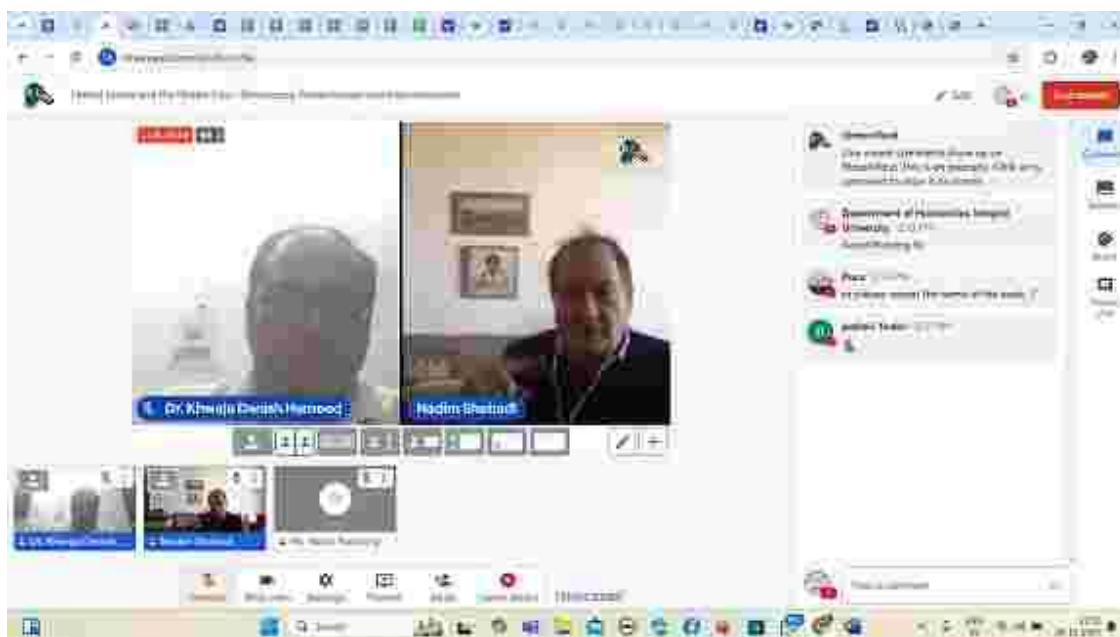
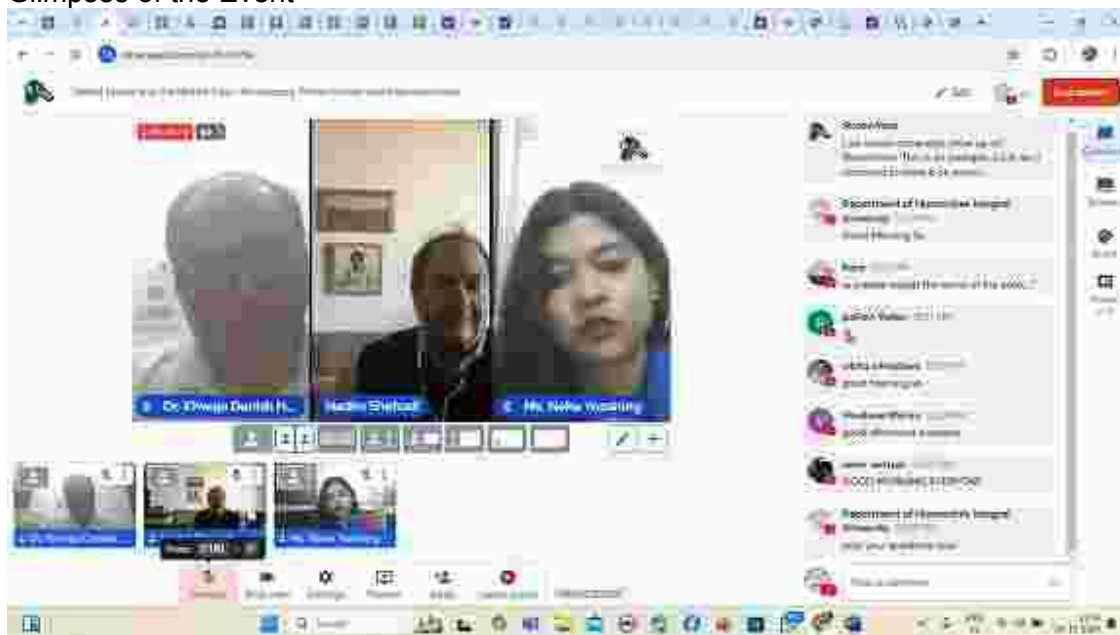
Prof .Nadim Shehadi in his insightful lecture discussed about United States as a glimpse of pure form of European Christian values. Most of the settlers’ form Europe were outlaws and bandits who were sent on exile in that part of world. The isolationist policy followed by the US and restrictions only for its armed forces from actively participating in wars; but manufacturing military hardware that were used across the world for committing genocide and other war crimes. The middle east saw a very similar kind of weapon exports initially to Shah Reza Pahalvi’s Iran and after Islamic revolution to Saddam Hussain Iraq and contributed to Iran-Iraq war in 1980’s launched for the purpose of taking out areal superiority of Iran and containing the spread of its influences. The Neoconservatives have been in favour of supporting

dictatorships in the region as coopted by the Democrats. But on the contrary Republicans support regime change and go out for all out wars off shore which is seen by many as an arbitrary action.

Prof. Nadim Shehadi discussed more about IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corpse) and how John Kerry was able to strike a nuclear deal with Iran. He also talked about how the region is divided in Shia and Sunni Axis. The role of Iran and its proxies were also discussed at par .

The program was coordinated by Faculty Coordinator/Co-convener Dr. Khwaja Danish Hameed, Assistant Professor of History and International Relations, Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences. and the Convener was Prof. Zeba Aqil, Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Integral University, Lucknow, India. Overall anchoring was done by Ms. Neha Yooshing, Assistant Professor (Psychology) Integral University Lucknow.

#### Glimpses of the Event



# Programme Schedule

Anchoring by Ms.Neha Roshini Yooshing

<b>United States and the Middle East: Democracy, Protectionism and Interventionism</b>		
Anchor	Initiation for welcome address	
Welcome address by Dr.Khwaja Danish Hameed	Dr.Khwaja Danish Hameed, Assistant Professor of History and International Relations ,Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Integral University Lucknow	03 Minutes
Anchor	Invitation to the resource person	
Prof. Nadim Shehadi	Lecture by Prof. Nadim Shehadi , Executive Director of Lebanese American University's New York Headquarters & Academic Centre and an Associate Fellow at Chatham House where he was formerly head of the Middle East program	75 Minutes
Anchor	1-Moderation of Question-and-Answer session (through Chat box) by Dr. Khwaja Danish Hameed	04 Minutes
Anchor	Concluding Remarks by Dr . Khwaja Danish Hameed	6 Minutes
Anchor	Vote of thanks by Dr Khwaja Danish Hameed, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Integral University Lucknow	05 Minutes

Regards

**Prof. Zeba Aqil,**

Head,

Humanities and Social Sciences,

Integral University, Lucknow