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## **International Faculty Development Seminar 2009**

### *Contemporary History and Society in the UAE and Oman*

**June 4 - 12, 2009**

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY- All activities subject to change.**

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**Thu, June 4**

**Dubai, UAE**

Participants arrive and transfer to Dubai hotel

**Fri, June 5**

**Dubai, UAE**

8:00 Breakfast in hotel

9:00 Orientation and Program Overview

10:00 Tour of Dubai – (Jumeirah mosque, Burj Al Arab, Beaches, Souks)

13:00 Group Lunch

14:00 Free afternoon

19:00 Welcome Dinner

**Sat, June 6**

**Sharjah, UAE**

8:00 Breakfast in hotel

9:00 Bus transfer to Sharjah City

10:00 Visit to the restored central arts and heritage precincts

- 12:30 Group Lunch
- 13:30 **Lectures at the University of Sharjah and/or the American University of Sharjah**
- 16:30 Tea Break
- 17:00 Trip back to Dubai
- Dinner on your own

**Sun, June 7**

**Al Ain, UAE**

- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel; Check out of hotel
- 9:00 Transfer to Al Ain
- 11:00 Check in to hotel and free time
- 13:00 Group Lunch
- 14:00 **Lecture: History of Islamic Thought and Values**  
Dr. Bajul, Department of Philosophy, UAE University
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 **Lecture: History of UAE and Family Structure**
- 17:30 Free Time
- 19:00 UAEU Reception at Multaqa (UAE University Social Club)

**Mon, June 8**

**Al Ain, UAE**

- 8:00 Breakfast in hotel
- 9:00 **Lecture: Traditional Societies of the Persian Gulf**
- 10:30 Visit to Al Ain Museum, Fort, Al Ain Oasis with faculty facilitator
- 12:30 Lunch at Dubai Mughal Restaurant
- 13:30 Free time
- 17:00 **Lecture: Principles of Sharia and the Developing Role of Islamic Finance**

Dinner on your own

**Tue, June 9**

**Abu Dhabi, UAE**

7:30 Breakfast in hotel

8:30 Transfer to Abu Dhabi

10:30 **Lecture: Women and Culture**

Visit to Women's Handicraft Center

12:00 Group Lunch

13:30 **Lecture: History of Education and Educational Reform in the UAE**

15:00 Visit National Library at Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation

16:00 Visit Emirates Palace

17:00 Trip back to Al Ain

19:00 Dinner on your own

**Wed, June 10**

**Muscat, Oman**

AM Breakfast in hotel; Check out of hotel

Bus trip to Muscat

Group Lunch on the road

PM Check into Guest House at Sultan Qaboos University

Tour of Corniche and visit to Central Souq

Eve Dinner on your own

**Thu, June 11**

**Muscat, Oman**

AM Breakfast

**Lecture: Islamic History and Civilization with a Focus on Oman**

Dr. Issam Al Rawas

**Lecture: TBA**

PM Lunch

Afternoon site visits in Muscat

Eve Seminar Debriefing

Farewell Dinner

**Fri, June 12**

**Muscat, Oman**

7:00 Historic Boat Tour

1:00 Lunch and Departures to Oman Airport