Summary
Despite serious uncertainties, post-war Iraq has embarked on a process of political and economic transformation and is likely to become a significant regional player in future years. Despite this realisation, Europe and the U.S. have been slow to reflect seriously upon the potential role Iraq could play in a fast-changing Gulf, as Iraq has the capacity to strike a balance with other regional powers like Iran. Deliberation on its geo-economic position within the broader Middle East, and on the long-term relations between Iraq and the U.S. and Europe, is needed as well.

Concept
This high-level conference will assemble the leading experts, academics and policy makers from the Gulf region, the wider Middle East, Europe and the United States for a comprehensive dialogue on the key issues pertaining to post-war Iraq. The aim of the conference is to identify and promote research and policy formulation on these issues and to set the need for strategic thinking concerning Iraq higher on the European policy agenda.

The conference will be co-hosted by Carnegie Europe and SciencesPo Chaire Moyen Orient Méditerranée. The dinner debate will be sponsored by Foreign Policy Édition Française and the Centre for Foreign Policy.

Programme outline

Monday, June 29th: Domestic and Regional Iraq

13.00 – 14.00 WELCOME COFFEE RECEPTION

14.00 – 14.15 OPENING REMARKS

14.15 – 16.00 SESSION 1: DOMESTIC IRAQ - POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PERSPECTIVES

Speakers:
Dr. Henri Barkey, Non-Resident Senior Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Hosham Dawod, Anthropologist, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
Peter Harling, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon Project Director, ICG, Damascus
Joseph P. Saba, Country Director Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, World Bank, Washington D.C.
Saifaldin Abdul-Rahman, Advisor to Tariq Al-Hashimi, Vice President of Iraq, Baghdad

16.00 – 16.30 COFFEE BREAK

(*) speakers to be confirmed
16.30 – 18.15  **SESSION 2: IRAQ AND ITS NEIGHBOURS - REGIONAL COOPERATION OR COMPETITION?**

Speakers:
- **Abdulaziz O. Sager**, *Chairman, Gulf Research Center, Dubai*
- **Dr. Awadh Al-Badi**, *Director of Research, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh* (*)
- **Prof. Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar**, *Professor in Political Science, University of Kuwait* (*)
- **Prof. Dr. Meliha Altunşık**, *Chair of the Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara*
- **Karim Sadjadpour**, *Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C.*

Tuesday, June 30th: External Partners and Cooperation

08.30 – 09.00  **WELCOME COFFEE**

09.00 – 10.45  **SESSION 3: IRAQ AND THE U.S. - AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL, WHAT NEXT?**

Speakers:
- **H.E. Ryan C. Crocker**, *Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq*
- **Daniel P. Serwer**, *Vice President: Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.* (*)
- **Dr. Marina Ottaway**, *Senior Associate and Director Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C.*

10.45 – 11.00  **COFFEE BREAK**

11.00 – 12.45  **SESSION 4: IRAQ AND EUROPE - DEFINING NEW ENGAGEMENT AND LONG-TERM INTEREST**

Speakers:
- **Franck Gellet**, *Head of the Middle East Department, French Foreign Ministry* (*)
- **Ladislas Paszkiewicz**, *President, Middle East, Total, Paris* (*)
- **H.E. Jean François-Poncet**, *Senator, Vice President of the Commission for Foreign Affairs, French Senate*
- **Klemens Semtner**, *Head of Iraq Unit, Federal Foreign Office*

12.45 – 14.00  **LIGHT LUNCH**

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