

Professor Edward Said from Columbia University said to speak at UCSD

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PROF. EDWARD SAID TO DELIVER FREE PUBLIC LECTURE AT UCSD

Edward W. Said, the Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, will speak on "The Voyage In: Third World Intellectuals and Metropolitan Cultures," at 8 p.m., Thursday, January 19, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Said is a scholar of English and Third World literature but is also a frequent spokesman in the media for the Palestinian cause. Although Said is a resident of the United States, he writes and articulates on an international level about the insider's view of the plight of the Palestinian refugee.

Said's public talk is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Literature, where Said will be a visiting professor for two weeks. During his stay, Said will teach a graduate seminar in comparative literature. He will return for two weeks as a visiting professor during each of the next two winter quarters.

Born in Jerusalem, Said was raised in Cairo by Protestant, Palestinian parents. His father, after migrating to the United States and fighting in World War I, returned to Palestine as an American citizen to run a family business. Said's father removed the family to Cairo where they lived until 1963. Said went to the United States to receive his university education, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and his master's and doctorate from Harvard where he won the Bowdoin Prize.

At Columbia, Said is the chairman of the Doctoral Program in Comparative Literature, and a member of the executive board of the Society of Fellows in the Humanities. His other associations include membership in the Modern Language Association, the American Historical Association, the Council on Foreign Relations, the editorial boards of the journals "Diacritics," "Critical Inquiry," and "Theory and Society," as well as memberships on the editorial boards of foreign literary and philosophic journals.

He is the recipient of many academic awards and fellowships, including fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University; a Guggenheim fellow; a Social Science Research Council fellow; holder of a Senior Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the recipient of the Rene Wellek Award given by the American Comparative Literature Association.

Said is the author of several books, his most recent being "Culture and Imperialism."

Said has lectured at more than 100 universities in the United States, Canada, Europe and the Middle East. In 1987, he delivered the Robert C. Elliott Memorial Lecture at UCSD.

Said's writings have appeared in 12 languages in several countries. He is the author of numerous articles that have appeared in The New York Times, Harpers', Le Monde Diplomatique, The New Statesman, The Times Literary Supplement, The London Review of Books, the Manchester Guardian, and many others.

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