

A Campus  
Colloquium

*The Center for International Programs presents*

# THE IRAQ DILEMMA:

## *Where Are We? What Should We Do?*

Join us for the discussion and presentations by:

**Don Matthews, History**

*Iraq from Rogue State to Failed State*

*Iraq has developed steadily along lines of sectarian and tribal fragmentation from the heyday of Saddam Hussain's Ba'athist era down through the post invasion period in which the US has occupied the country. What are the implications of ethnic and religious rivalry for Iraq's future, and how do they complicate US efforts to de-escalate our country's involvement there?*

**Mark Rigstad, Philosophy**

*Between Triumph and Disaster: Reflections on the Petraeus Performance*

*General David Petraeus' public appearance in mid-September to present his report on "the surge" in Iraq evoked the image of the stoic warrior called to heroic duty in the midst of dubious battle. The "stoic warrior ethic" was lionized by such chroniclers of empire as Rudyard Kipling, in whose famous poem, "IF," Petraeus took solace during his weeklong ordeal. Is the stoic warrior ethic the way to go for American generals? Or is there an alternative canon available for their consideration?*



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