UT International Literary Colloquy — Spring Semester 2006

Three Novels from the Middle East

Your Invitation to Join

In concert with the University of Tennessee’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which provides opportunities for cross-cultural conversations and understanding, the Center for International Education seeks participants in its Spring Semester 2006 International Literary Colloquy. Since 1996 the ILC has been exploring cultural themes at the UT International House through reading the literature which world societies have themselves produced.

Thirty ILC spaces are available this semester and the UT community is invited to apply for participation. Each participant will be provided with the three novels and take part in three book discussions and thematic luncheons. This semester’s three works of fiction include a graphic novel, a feminist novel and a novel in diary format. Experts on the cultures and themes will facilitate the discussions, which take place in the International House from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. It is expected that people selected to participate will attend all three sessions.

Tuesday
February 14

Palestine by Joe Sacco  (Palestine) with an introduction by Edward Said
Fantagraphics Books paperback, ISBN 156097432X

Dr. Mary Papke, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, will lead the discussion of Palestine.

Thursday
March 16

A Man, a Woman and a Man by Savyon Liebrecht  (Israel)
Persea Books paperback, ISBN 0892552972

Dr. Gilya Schmidt, Professor and Chair of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies and Head of the UT Department of Religious Studies, will be the discussant for this novel.

Tuesday
April 11

When the Birds Stopped Singing: Life in Ramallah Under Siege by Raja Shehadeh  (Palestine)
Steerforth Press paperback, ISBN 1586420690

Dr. Rosalind Gwynne, Associate Professor in the UT Department of Religious Studies specializing in Classical Islam, Modern Islam and Qur’an interpretation, will lead the discussion.

Interested? Apply now.

People wishing to be considered for participation in the Spring 2006 ILC should apply by e-mail to either Lee Rhea (at <rhea@utk.edu>) or Jim Gehlhar (at <gehlhar@utk.edu>) as soon as possible, indicating whether they are students, faculty or staff, and whether they have previously participated in the UT International Literary Colloquy. Questions should be directed to Jim Gehlhar at 974-3177 or <gehlhar@utk.edu>. Applications must be received by Friday, January 27th. All applicants are expected to commit to participation in all three discussions.