The topic for the Fall Lecture Series will be *Understanding the Ethnic and Religious Complexities of the Middle East and the Current US Strategy*. Dr. Mithat Mardin, three-term president of the Institute for Learning in Retirement, is our speaker. He is highly regarded for his expertise and passion for political, cultural and developmental issues in the Middle East.

*The lectures will be held on October 2, 10*, 23, 30 and November 6, at the Yale West Haven Conference Center from 10:30 to Noon, except on Oct. 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**October 2:** Global Muslim Population *vis a vis the Middle East**

**October 10*:  Beginnings of Islam and the Sunni/Shia Divide

**October 23:** Ottoman Empire versus the Persian Safavid Empire; European Colonies Power

**October 30:** Origin of the Current Geopolitical Partition in the Middle East

**November 6:** Does the US Still Have Critical Interest in the Region? What is the Current U.S. Middle East Strategy?

Recommended reading before the lectures: *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly, and the Making of the Modern Middle East* by Scott Anderson.

All members of YUWO, friends and the general public are invited. The fee is $65; tickets are not available for individual lectures. We hope you will seriously consider attending this most interesting and timely lecture series as well as participating in meaningful discussions on the topics presented. All proceeds from the Series are a major funding source for the Scholarship Program. Direct questions to Sandra Greer at sandrajogreer@gmail.com or (203) 444-9040.

*While we usually hold our lectures on Wednesdays, this October, the second lecture is moved to Thursday, as Yom Kippur falls on Wednesday of that week. Note: 2:00 p.m. starting time.*

**Directions to Yale West Campus Conference Center**

**If you are driving from the North or East (New Haven),** take I-95 to exit 41 (Marsh Hill Rd). At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Marsh Hill Rd. At the next traffic light, take a left onto the West Campus Drive/I-95 Northbound entrance ramp. Stay in the right lane and check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.

**If you are driving from the South or West (New York),** take exit 41 and go straight ahead at the end of the exit ramp, across Marsh Hill Road, onto the northbound entrance ramp. Follow this to the fork, stay in the right lane and check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.
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