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Present

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“The Potential for Power-Sharing in Kirkuk”

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Liam Anderson is an associate professor of political science at Wright State University whose areas of expertise include research on weapons of mass destruction, the former Soviet Central Asian republics, Constitutional Design, and foreign policy. He received his M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. His publications include The Future of Iraq, Updated Edition: Dictatorship, Democracy, or Division? (with Gareth Stansfield) and Economic Power in a Changing International System (with Ewan W. Anderson and Ivars Gutmanis).

In this lecture, Prof. Anderson will focus on the potential for resolving the status of Kirkuk and its relationship to the impeding the process of political reconciliation in Iraq. He will argue that Kirkuk is not an intractable problem. It only appears to be because all sides preach the need for compromise without being forced to confront the painful, but necessary sacrifices that compromise requires. Anderson will make the argument that real compromise will require a trade-off along two key dimensions - administrative status and political control: i.e. power-sharing.

The Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Power-Sharing in Deeply Divided Places explores power-sharing and evaluates its role as a standard prescription for protracted conflicts in deeply divided territories, especially when there are antagonistic self-determination claims.