



Montgomery County  
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**PART I:  
The Middle East in Upheaval**

An in-depth discussion of the current political upheaval in the Arab World by faculty members who lived and studied in the Middle East.

**Wednesday, April 13 12:30-2:00 pm**

**panelists:**

**Dr. Janet Amighi**  
Adjunct Instructor of Anthropology

**Dr. Thomas Kolsky**  
Professor of History and Political Science

**Dr. Michael Perez**  
Diversity Fellow and Instructor of Anthropology

**Dr. Mustafa Saatci**  
Assistant Professor of Sociology

**moderated by: Jodi Empol-Schwartz**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science



**PART II:**

**Carrots, Sticks and Politics:  
A State of the Nation and the World Message**

A humorous analysis of and proposed cures for the political situation in the U.S. and the international community in our much troubled times.

**by Tom Kolsky**  
Virtual 2008 Presidential Candidate • Professor of History and Political Science

**Wednesday, April 20 12:30-2:00 pm**

**Science Center Auditorium 214**  
**Both events FREE and Open to General Public**

**issues & insights**

# The Middle East In-Upheaval and Political Humor are Featured on Montgomery County Community College's "Issues And Insights" Program In April

On **Wednesday, April 13**, Drs. Michael Perez, Janet Amighi, Mustafa Saatci, and Tom Kolsky will participate in a **panel discussion on the current political upheaval in the Middle East**. All four participants have lived and studied in the Middle East and are experts in various aspects of area's life. The forum will be **moderated by Jodi Empol-Schwartz**, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

**Dr. Michael Perez** received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Michigan State University. He is this year's Montgomery County College's Diversity Scholar and teaches anthropology. He first visited Jordan in 2003 as a member of a peace team and later spent two years in Aman, Jordan conducting research for his dissertation among Palestinian refugees. He is currently a senior editor of the new international publication, *The Islamic Monthly*.

**Dr. Janet Amighi** received a Ph.D in Anthropology from the University of Missouri. She lived in Iran from 1971 to 1978. She visited Iran several times and will be visiting it this March. In addition to Iran, she has traveled widely in the Middle East and has done many presentations on the Middle East. The author of *The Zoroastrians of Iran*, she is an adjunct instructor of Anthropology at Montgomery County Community College.

**Dr. Mustafa Saatci**, who received his Ph.D. from Binghamton University, is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Montgomery County Community College. He is a native of Turkey. His research interests include migration, globalization, and political economy. He has published articles and book chapters on Islam, Turkey, and Kurdish identity, and the world system. Currently, he is researching U.S. hegemony in the world economy.

**Dr. Tom Kolsky** received his Ph.D. from George Washington University. A professor of History and Political Science at Montgomery County Community College, he is the creator and host of "Issues and Insights." A teacher and a political humorist, he has taught, in addition to the standard political science and history courses, a variety of courses on Middle Eastern and Jewish history. He is the author of *Jews Against Zionism*.



On **Wednesday, April 20**, **Dr. Kolsky** will offer a humorous presentation titled "**Carrots, Sticks, and Politics: A State of the Nation and the World Message.**" In this humorous speech, he will offer his interpretation of domestic and international politics. After his reflections and analysis, he will welcome questions from the audience.

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