

International Conference on Middle East Strategic Landscape 100 Years after World War I



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The Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research & Studies at the University of Central Florida (UCF) along with our partners, Future University in Egypt (FUE), hosted an international conference entitled “Middle East Strategic Landscape 100 Years after the First World War.” The Conference, which took place from September 12-14, 2015 in Cairo, Egypt was attended by academics, dignitaries, students and members of the media. International participants included expert speakers from Singapore, India, Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, United Kingdom and the United States.

Since the start of the World War I in 1914, the Middle East and broader Arab World has experienced numerous and significant changes. Nation-states have been established, borders demarcated, sources of wealth discovered, and economies developed. Along the way, revolutions have occurred periodically and the relative power of political and social groups have altered significantly. Along with discussing the political, social and economic development of states since WWI, participants also focused on the legitimacy and longevity

of the borders drawn by the Sykes-Picot agreement and how that is effecting the current situation in the region.

A full report on the Conference will published shortly on the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies' website-

<http://www.cos.ucf.edu/pmbfprogram/>. In addition to support provided by UCF and FUE, the conference was also made possible by the contributions of the Global Connections Foundation.