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Al Jazeera New York Bureau Chief Abderrahim Foukara to Speak on Media and Global Affairs

Al Jazeera, the influential Arabic broadcasting service, will be the feature of the second Goodman Lecture on Media and Global Affairs at Princeton University's Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) on Tuesday, April 12, at 4:30 pm in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall. The featured speaker will be Abderrahim Foukara, the Al Jazeera Bureau Chief in New York. Foukara will join George J. W. Goodman, chair of Adam Smith Global Television, Michael S. Doran, assistant professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton, and Amaney A. Jamal, assistant professor of politics at Princeton, to speak on "Al Jazeera: How It Sees the World." The event will consider video clips from Al Jazeera.

A startup less than ten years ago, Al Jazeera now has 50 million viewers a night, more than all the U.S. networks combined. How did it achieve this? Who decides what Al Jazeera's viewers see? How does it get the bin Laden tapes? Does it really show executions and decapitations? Does the U.S. military target Al Jazeera's reporters and cameramen? What is the impact of the way Al Jazeera sees the world? The presentation will seek to answer these and other important questions, and will include a comparison of the video coverage of the same event by Al Jazeera, the BBC, and Fox News.

Abderrahim Foukara, born in Morocco, has a Ph.D. in African Studies from the University of Glasgow and began his journalistic career in 1990 as a producer, reporter, and news anchor for the BBC World Service. Foukara first came to work in America in 1999 for *The World*, a Boston-based coproduction of the BBC World Service, American Public Radio International, and WGBH/Boston. He relocated to New York in 2002 to join Al Jazeera as their UN correspondent.

In 1984, George J. W. Goodman premiered on television as "Adam Smith," the anchor and editor-in-chief of PBS's *Adam Smith's Money World*, which became the most honored program in its field. During its thirteen-year run, the show won four Emmy Awards and the Overseas Press Club Award. In 1997 Goodman founded Adam Smith® Global Television to produce documentary specials for PBS on international issues. These specials won gold medals at the Flagstaff and Houston International Film Festivals. Among the world figures Goodman has interviewed on both his programs are Mikhail Gorbachev, Manmohan Singh, Lee Kuan Yew, Carlos Menem, Zhu Rongji, Shimon Peres, Nabil Shaáth, Edward Heath, and Giscard d'Estaing. His books include *The Money Game*, *Paper Money*, *Supermoney*, *The Roaring 80s*, and *Powers of Mind*.

Michael S. Doran, an expert on Middle Eastern affairs, teaches courses on political Islam, Middle Eastern nationalisms, U.S.-Middle East relations, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Before coming to Princeton, Doran was an assistant professor of history at the University of Central Florida, and in addition to his role on the Princeton faculty, he serves as an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. His published works include a study of the first Arab-Israeli war, *Pan-Arabism before Nasser: Egyptian Power Politics and the Palestine Question* (1999), and an influential article on Osama bin Laden in the January/February 2002 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, entitled "Somebody Else's Civil War."

Amaney A. Jamal, a specialist on political development and the Middle East, has focused her research on civil society, democratization, and political attitudes, as well as on patterns of political participation and engagement of Arabs and Muslim-Americans in the United States. A recently appointed term member on the Council on Foreign Relations, Jamal taught at Columbia University prior to coming to Princeton. Her work has been or is about to be published in such journals as *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Politics Research*, and the *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*.

The Goodman Lectures on Media and Global Affairs, directed by Goodman, grew out of a popular series of lectures from 1999 to 2001 that were cosponsored by Princeton's former Center of International Studies and Adam Smith® Global Television. Those lectures featured video clips from Adam Smith PBS specials on Russia, China, and the Asian financial crisis, with lively commentary by Goodman and invited guests. With the creation of PIIRS in 2003, Goodman agreed to produce a formal series, similar in style to the earlier presentations but with a focus on the role and influence of the media in global affairs. This past September, CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace delivered the inaugural Goodman lecture on "World Leaders on *60 Minutes*."

This lecture is free and open to the public.