The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) cordially invites you to a lecture entitled

Connecting the Dots of 1982: The Dynamics of the Global Left and Right and their Contemporary Legacies

By Dr. Les W. Field, University of New Mexico

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 | CASAR office, Building 37 (behind the old observatory) | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Dr. Field will discuss a constellation of alliances on the global right that coalesced in the early 1980s, while at the same time alliances between progressive forces brought together social movements in Central America and the Middle East. In the latter case he will specifically explore the relationship between the Sandinista Front and the People’s Front for the Liberation of Palestine to understand the ideological discourse the two movements shared. The discussion seeks to illuminate perspectives on movements of change and resistance in the contemporary moment.

Les W. Field is a Full Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico where he has taught since 1994 and received his PhD from Duke University in 1987. Dr. Field has conducted research with Nicaraguan artisans whose daily lives and aspirations were transformed by revolutionary social processes in the 1980s; with indigenous farmers in Colombia and Ecuador; and with unrecognized Native American tribes in the state of California who have been struggling to achieve federal acknowledgement. In South, Central, and North America, Dr. Field’s research has hinged upon establishing relations of collaboration with indigenous communities concerning the goals, methods, agendas and products of anthropological work.