

Prep for final exam

- Ex camera exam
- Get topic by email at 1:30 p.m., must hand back by 7:30 p.m.
- Same rules as with papers (email to both in **MS Word** or hand in)
- Length: what you can reasonably write in that period
- Know what the question will be
- Can prepare ahead of time; some people just send it back 1 minute later
- Be sure to draw on relevant readings; meant to be comprehensive
- We don't care as much about your conclusions as how you get there; the way you of your argument, etc.
- Basic facts important, but exam is not really about Iraq.

Final exam

After three and a half years of occupation, U.S. attempts to build stable, democratic government in Iraq have utterly failed. Iraq is plagued by a weak state unable to guarantee public order, mounting ethnic conflict, pervasive corruption, anemic economic performance, and poor prospects for democracy.

Drawing on the knowledge you have gained over the semester, think about the five issues mentioned above (state-building, ethnic conflict, corruption, economic growth, and democracy). Then answer the following three questions:

1. What recommendations would you have made to Coalition authorities at the beginning of the occupation to maximize the odds of a successful outcome?
2. To the extent that they are different, what recommendations would you make now?
3. How effective or ineffective do you think these your recommendations would have been or would be?

At 1:30 p.m. on the day of the exam (Tuesday the 19th), we will ask you to address ONE of these topics only. In other words, we will randomly choose one of the five topics and ask to address only that one. For instance, you might be asked to answer the three questions listed above as they apply to economic growth: (1) what policies should the Coalition have adopted to maximize economic growth, (2) what recommendations would you make now to increase economic growth, and (3) how effective or ineffective do you think these recommendations would have been or would be in stimulating economic growth? The exam topic will be emailed to the class and posted on the class website.

You are encouraged to collaborate with your fellow students in working through possible responses between now and the 19th. However, you must write the exam entirely by yourself.

We do NOT expect you to do additional reading for the exam beyond the materials covered in class and the papers on Iraq that is now posted on **The MIT Server**. Rather, you should leverage the general knowledge you have obtained over the semester – as well as the rather limited information you have acquired on Iraq in specific -- to address the topic we choose. The important point is to draw on materials from other weeks in formulating and justifying your answers about Iraq.

Submit your exams to me and Professor Lawson by email as an MS Word attachment or hand in a hard copy to Professor Lawson's office in. The deadline is 7:30 p.m. December 19th. No

extensions will be given, and you will be penalized for lateness in a draconian fashion. If you hand your exam in by email, you are responsible for ensuring that the attachment can be opened in MS Word.