

THE GREAT WAR
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THE CONQUEST
OF THE MIDDLE EAST
**ROBERT
FISK**

'One of the outstanding reporters of this generation.
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CRAG invites you to

An Evening with Robert Fisk

On

Saturday, 14 October 2006, 6:00 to 8:00 PM



**Maria Assumpta Centre,
23 Kensington Square,
London W8 5HN**

Robert Fisk, Middle East correspondent for *The Independent*, is the author of *Pity the Nation: Lebanon at War* (London: André Deutsch, 1990). He holds numerous awards for journalism, including 2 Amnesty International UK Press Awards and 7 British International Journalist of the Year awards. His most recent book, *The Great War for Civilisation: the Conquest of the Middle East*, was published by 4th Estate in 2005.

Robert Fisk will reflect upon his recent experiences and ideas on the Middle East that led him to produce *The Great War for Civilisation*. He will also be talking about the Armenian Genocide, which is a chapter in his book entitled *The Armenian Holocaust*.

Described by the *New York times* as "probably the most famous foreign correspondent in Britain", Robert Fisk has over 30 years of experience in international reporting, dating from 1970's Belfast and Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution, the 1975-1990 Lebanese Civil War, encompassing the 1979 Iranian revolution, the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, 1991 Persian Gulf war, and 2003 Invasion of Iraq. Fisk speaks vernacular Arabic well, and is one of the few Western journalists to have interviewed Osama bin Laden (three times between 1994 and 1997).

Fisk has received widespread praise for his condemnation of violence against civilians, courageous reporting, and willingness to challenge the statements of governments. Fisk's reporting - and his bestselling books, based on his field notes and recordings - combine straight factual reporting with analysis and often strong criticism of Middle Eastern governments as well as what he perceives as hypocrisy in British and United States government foreign policy. His view of journalism is that it must "challenge authority-all authority-especially so when governments and politicians take us to war".

There will be book-signing opportunity as well as refreshments and canapés.



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