



**CHANGE**

## CHANGE: Architecture and Engineering in the Middle East, 2000-Present

The stereotypical image of the Middle East depicts extensive deserts and historic *kasbahs* with endless twisted alleys. This essentializing view of the expansive geographical zone is at odds with its incredibly diverse landscapes, traditions, cultures and climates that stretch between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Containing some of the most significant UNESCO monuments and sites, the region is also a place of a rapid globalization with man-made islands and supertall towers. The contrast between the resilience of heritage and the overwhelming contemporary change generates an exceptional challenge for today's architects and engineers, producing exceedingly varied approaches to the region's 21<sup>st</sup> century built environment.

**Exhibition on view: February 22 – June 23, 2012**

**February 22, 2012, 6-9pm**

Opening Reception. Performance by Heather Raffo and Salaam, Iraqi *maqam* and jazz.

**Also opening:** *City of Mirages, Baghdad, 1952-1982* and *LIVE FEED*.

**February 25, 2012, 11am-5pm**

Change in the Middle East: Preserving the Past, Inventing the Future

**March 1, 2012, 6-8pm**

Culture and Climate: Contemporary Architectural Responses in the Middle East

**March 15, 2012, 6-8pm**

Iraqi Culture Pre- and Post-Invasion: From Secular to Sectarian

**March 16, 2012, 7-9pm**

Building ANew: Noor Theatre Presents A Reading of Short Plays by Award-Winning Middle Eastern Playwrights

**April 2, 2012, 6-8pm**

Faster and Bigger: Building in the Middle East

**April 14, 2012, 11am-1pm**

or 2-4pm

FamilyDay@theCenter

**April 26, 2012, 6-8pm**

Architecture in Baghdad, Then and Now

**May 4, 2012, 6-8pm**

The National Mosque of Baghdad Competition: A conversation between Denise Scott Brown, Renata Holod and Frederic Schwartz

**Iraq and Middle East Film Series**

Fridays while the exhibition is on view. See online calendar for dates/times.

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