Monday, April 4

“The Sunni-Shia Divide: Social and Economic Implications”
Dr. Benmamoun, Asst. Prof., International Business, Cook School of Business, SLU

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251AB
Sponsored by: Boeing Institute of International Business, Middle East Studies Program

The Iraq war has revived the age-old Sunni-Shia divide and deepened sectarian crisis across the Middle East. Spearheaded by regional powerhouses and fueled by extremists on both sides, the divide has escalated into devastating conflicts in Syria, Yemen and Iraq, and has threatened stability in others. This divide and its social and economic implications will be explored by Dr. Benmamoun.

Tuesday, April 5

Resettlement 101

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Center for Global Citizenship, Seminar Room 124
Sponsored by: Center for Global Citizenship, Center for International Studies, Department of Political Science, and Middle East Studies Program
Join us as members of the St. Louis community speak to the refugee resettlement process from both the professional and personal experience. People who have been through the process, as well as the professionals that work with resettled peoples, will speak to what this process looks like and debunk common myths or misunderstandings. The brief presentations will be followed by a Q & A.

**Wednesday, April 6**

**“Judicial Reform in Morocco”**  
Emma Sikora Paulus, Senior, Major in Political Science and Minor in Middle East Studies, SLU

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253B  
Sponsored by: Department of Political Science, Middle East Studies Program

Since the Arab Uprisings in 2011, Morocco’s King Mohammed VI has promised judicial reform in Morocco. Over the past five years, while some progress has been made, the promised reforms have not been enacted, and human rights violations continue to prevail in this kingdom of semi-authoritarian rule. Over the spring of 2015, SLU student Emma Sikora Paulus visited Morocco and researched judicial reform in the nation’s capital city—Rabat. Her presentation is a collection of interviews and research on the judicial realities and proposed reforms in Morocco.

**Life of a Syrian Refugee**

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253C  
Sponsored by: Muslim Student Association, Middle Eastern Student Association, Middle East Studies Program

Come listen to speaker Alaa Alderie talk about his experiences resettling in St. Louis as a refugee. Alaa Alderie moved from Syria to St. Louis to start a better life, and he is one of the main owners of the first-ever pita bakery in St. Louis.