

## LECTURE

Querying the assumption of the earlier advantage of the West in attaining Industrialization: The Near East (an area which includes the Middle East) started what archaeologists call civilization with the Bronze age, developing its own renaissance and extension of trade influencing Europe. However, it was always handicapped by the absence of iron and coal. And it was the plentiful exploitation of these in Britain, with the help of German metallurgists, that made way for the industrial revolution in Europe, rather than any protestant ethic which represents a Europeanist point of view.

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## EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST: THE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE OF METALS

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE 2011  
BOARD ROOM, University of Westminster

## PROFESSOR JACK R. GOODY, KBE

Acclaimed social anthropologist, writer, Fellow of the British Academy, Professor Jack R. Goody, KBE is Emeritus William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology at St. John's College, University of Cambridge and one of the world's pre-eminent social scientists. A prolific author he has published over 20 books on a number of diverse subjects including kinship, literacy, culture, and history.

Of the many invaluable contributions Professor Goody has made to his areas of expertise, one of the most intriguing and which has attracted great attention is the publication of *The Theft of History* (2006 Cambridge University Press) in which Professor Goody "builds on his own previous work to extend further his highly influential critique of what he sees as the pervasive eurocentric or occidentalist biases" of western historical writing. Professor Goody's other recent works include: *Capitalism and Modernity: The Great Debate* (2004 Polity) and *Islam in Europe* (2004 Polity) in which he explores the historical relationship between the West and the Islamic world in the context of the events of 9/11. His latest work is *Renaissances: The One or The Many?* (2010 Cambridge University Press) in which he scrutinizes the European model in relation to parallel renaissances, primarily Islam and China, and emphasizes what Europe owed to non-European influences.

Born in 1919 Professor Goody continues to write and study, give seminars and speak at conferences.

## PROGRAMME

6.00 – 6.30	ARRIVAL
6.30 – 6.40	Welcome and Opening Remarks <b>Professor Yasir Suleiman, FRSE</b> Director, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies, Cambridge
6.40 – 6.45	Presentation to <b>Professor Jack R. Goody, KBE</b> of the 2011 AMSS (UK) Building Bridges Award <b>Dr. Anas S. Al-Shaikh-Ali, CBE, FRSA</b> <i>Chair, AMSS (UK)</i>
6.45 – 7.30	Lecture <b>EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST: THE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE OF METALS</b>
7.30 – 7.45	Q & A
7.45	Vote of Thanks <b>Dr. Abdelwahab El-Effendi, FRSA</b> Reader in Politics at the Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster

