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Martin Kramer is The Washington Institute's Walter P. Stern Fellow and author of one of its most widely read monographs, *Ivory Towers on Sand: The Failure of Middle Eastern Studies in America*.



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On October 20, 2007, Martin Kramer, Jason Epstein, Kanan Makiya, and Bob Woodward addressed The Washington Institute's Weinberg Founders Conference. The event marked the launching of the Washington Institute Book Prize, a competition which will culminate in inaugural awards in September 2008. Dr. Kramer is the Wexler-Fromer fellow at The Washington Institute and author of [Ivory Towers on Sand: The Failure of Middle Eastern Studies in America \(templateC04.php?CID=142\)](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/Ivory-Towers-on-Sand-The-Failure-of-Middle-Eastern-Studies-in-America-templateC04.php?CID=142) (2001). Mr. Epstein served for many years as editorial director of Random House; he is a founder of Anchor Books, a cofounder of the New York Review of Books, and creator of the Library of America. He was the first recipient of the National Book Award for distinguished service to American letters. Dr. Makiya is the Sylvia K. Hassenfeld professor of Islamic and Middle East studies at Brandeis University and author of *Republic of Fear: The Politics of Modern Iraq* (1989), *Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny, Uprising in the Arab World* (1994), and *The Monument* (2004). Mr. Woodward, a winner of the Pulitzer Prize, is assistant managing editor of the Washington Post and author of several bestselling books, including *Bush at War* (2002), *Plan of Attack* (2004), and *State of Denial* (2006).

A full summary of this session can be found in the [Weinberg Founders Conference proceedings \(templateC04.php?CID=287\)](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/Weinberg-Founders-Conference-proceedings-templateC04.php?CID=287), available as a free PDF download from the Washington Institute bookstore. ❖

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