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# UKH 2<sup>nd</sup> RESEARCH SEASON OF CONTEMPORARY STUDIES ON KURDISTAN AND IRAQ

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## Programme

9:00 - 9:05

### Welcome Remarks

**Introduction:** Dr. Thomas Schmidinger

9:05 - 9:10

9:10 - 9:15

**Remarks by UKH President Prof. Dr. Keith Sharp**

9:15 - 11:15

### Panel One: Development, Institutions, Women and Governance

*Moderator: Dr. Melisande Genat, Stanford University*

**Women Politicians as Decision-Making Agents: A Case Study in KRI**  
Dunya S. Mirdan, Salahaddin University

**Catalysts of power: A Study of Formal and Informal Political Institutions in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (2003–2023)**  
Raber Talaat, UKH

**An Asset: Iraqi Kurdistan in Israeli Foreign Policy 1961 – 2017**  
Pishtiwan Mustafa, UKH

**Examines the Developmental Policies of the Kurdistan Regional Government From 2009 to 2014**  
Karwan Abdulrahman, UKH

11:15 - 11:30

### Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:30

### Panel Two: Cities, Landscapes, and People

*Moderator: Hesar Marouf, UKH*

**Post-War Urban Reconstruction and Place Identity in Historic Cities: The Case of Erbil**  
Avar Almkhtar, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK.

