

## ***Event: Article 140 and the Future of Iraq***

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### ***Date and Time:***

**Friday May 9, 2008**

**9:00am to 5:00pm**

***(Note NEW Date)***

### ***Location:***

**2172 Rayburn House Office Building**

**Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.**

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Independence & South Capitol St, SW

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Registration is Required (Space is Limited)

Article 140 of the Iraqi Constitution mandates a process of normalization and referendum for disputed territories, although it continues to be a vexing issue which needs to be addressed. The most significant of these disputed territories is the governorate and city of Kirkuk, which suffered ethnic cleansing and expulsion by the Baathist regime of Saddam Hussein. Makhmur, Sinjar, Khanaqeen and other areas of rural Kurdistan also fall under the jurisdiction of Article 140.

The future of Iraq depends on Article 140 and its aim of using a democratic and constitutional framework to address problems that are long overdue for resolution. The Iraqi government failed to meet the 2007 deadline for Kirkuk specified by Article 140, which includes full normalization and a referendum on unifying with the Kurdistan Regional Government. A six-month extension was granted to fulfill this constitutional obligation.

Speakers at the conference will discuss all dimensions of Article 140 and its implementation. The program for the event will be forthcoming.

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