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POLITICS SOCIETY PUBLIC LECTURE

Part of the Global Politics Lecture Series

'Western Sahara: The Last Colony in Africa' The Role of the UN in Decolonisation and Conflict Resolution

Kamal Fadel

*Representative of Polisario in Australia and NZ,
Polisario is the independence movement for Western Sahara*



Mr Fadel will shed light on the unfolding political drama in Western Sahara. Both East Timor and Western Sahara were abandoned by their former colonial occupiers and occupied by neighbouring countries, but while East Timor has gained its independence, Western Sahara is still on the UN's list of non-self-governing territories waiting for the right to self-determination. Mr Fadel's discussion will focus on the lack of enforceability of UN resolutions, and the lack of political will of UN member states due to competing national interests and priorities, as impediments to ending Morocco's illegal occupation of Western Sahara. He will also touch on the relevance of the situation in Western Sahara to Australia, particularly as Australia's position in this case is in contradiction to its stance on East Timor.

MONDAY 5 MAY, 2008

VENUE: History Room S223, QUADRANGLE BUILDING.

6:15 pm for 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Refreshments will be served from 6:15 pm

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