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## ***“The Iraqi Turkmens and the Identity of Kirkuk”***

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The lecture will start with a short history of the Turkmens in Iraq. When and how did they advance from Central Asia to Iraq? Some basic information about the settlement areas, population, and socio-cultural structure of the Turkmens will be viewed out.

Kirkuk is one of the oldest cities in Iraq. There is very little information about its history before Islam. It is mostly known after the Abbasid period. The city has had a specific identity for almost six hundred years. A short glance at the history of the city will be given, including the period 1055-1918. Then Kirkuk under the control of Britain will shortly be analyzed, 1918-1945. Kirkuk's political identity during the period of republic, which corresponds to post 1959, will be interpreted carefully.

The cultural identity of Kirkuk will be searched in details. First of all, some unique information about press and publication in Kirkuk will be surveyed. This survey will include all Arabic, Turkish and Kurdish press. Then the architectural structure of the houses and the districts of the city will be illustrated. The final example will be about the folk music and poetry of Kirkuk.

At the end of the lecture the political situation in Kirkuk will be summarized. The political struggle among Turkmens, Kurds and Arabs will be discussed. The claims of each side will be summarized and criticized. A conclusion will be presented and some suggestions will be offered in order to solve the Kirkuk conflict peacefully.