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## Globalizing Knowledge Through Area Studies

Finally, dialogues involve certain costs.

### ‘The Truth is an Encounter’: Dialogue as a Self

Civilization was an idea whose time had come. Casting Western civilization aside thus signifies a radical cultural break that places America's future in doubt. Yet the Stanford Western Culture controversy was the first time so expansive a use of the racism charge had entered public debate at the national level, and on a topic—the great books—that for many bore no necessary or intrinsic connection to race.

### ‘The Truth is an Encounter’: Dialogue as a Self

No false universals here: only real people seeking to compare stories, to share meaning, and—perhaps, if they can handle the risks—to find a common language. The radical secular fundamentalism of France, in my opinion, will enhance rather than diminish the prospects of a clash of civilizations. For it is a rare and courageous voice that holds power and still will proclaim: The Truth is an Encounter! The upshot was that if the great books make minorities feel bad, they must be racist.

### ‘The Truth is an Encounter’: Dialogue as a Self

Levine also describes the shift in American thinking from the exceptionalism of the 18th and 19th centuries to the very different 20th century belief in a common Western civilization. The European Union-Organization of the Islamic Conference EU-OIC Dialogue The EU-OIC Dialogue was a single-show exercise.

**The Lost History of Western Civilization by Stanley Kurtz**

Yet the transparently political motivation of historical deconstruction means that any presumption on its behalf must be discarded. On the other hand, one of the greatest strengths of area studies rests in its historical depth.

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Norton stressed cultural continuities and chains of influence from ancient times to the present day. The second main problematic is the mostly negative historical legacies of interaction between the West and the Muslim world. But can we at least say the Great War produced a significant upsurge of interest in Western Civilization classes? He was willing to acknowledge past mistakes, admit American limitations on key policy issues, and did not shy away from criticizing the Arabs, the Israelis and Americans for failing to resolve the Middle East crisis by now.

### **Sheikha Al Mayassa: Globalizing the local, localizing the global**

Thus the idea of a clash of civilization is not altogether new.

### **Beyond the Clash of Civilizations: Hermeneutical Hospitality as a Model for Civilizational Dialogue**

The fear of competition has been transposed into an impending clash on a civilizational scale. Yet this conception of progress is not only far less coherent than Guizot's; it is also less profound. It is the progressive globalization 'of a particular language of discourse issuing from the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, that being the only true and possible discourse for mankind.

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