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with

Professor Jim Al-Khalili OBE

"Science and Rationalism in 9th Century Baghdad"

in aid of the

BISI Appeal for Iraqi Scholars
on Thursday 17 September 2009
at The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH
The talk commences at 6 p.m. followed by a Reception

Our distinguished guest speaker, Iraqi born scientist, author and broadcaster Professor Jim Al-Khalili OBE, is professor of physics at the University of Surrey where he also holds a chair in the Public Engagement in Science. He is also a Trustee and Vice President of the British Science Association. He was awarded the Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize for science communication for 2007 and elected an Honorary Fellow of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a best-selling author of popular science books and appears regularly on television. He presented the BBC4 three part series *Science and Islam* about the leap in scientific knowledge that took place in the Islamic world between the 8th and 14th centuries and has contributed to many radio programmes. He co-presented the Channel 4 documentary "The Riddle of Einstein's Brain" (2004) and presented "Atom" (2007), a three-part series about the history of atomic physics. Next year he presents a BBC series on chemistry and a Channel 4 series on the history of British science with Professor Stephen Hawking. His latest book, "The House of Wisdom" is published by Penguin Press next Spring. For more details please see his personal website: http://www.al-khalili.co.uk/

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