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The *International Association for Assyriology* Urges the Suspension of the Order Restricting Entry to the United States

The International Association for Assyriology (IAA) was founded with the goal of furthering the study of the rich textual, artistic, and archaeological heritage of the ancient Near East, and especially of ancient Iraq. This goal can only be achieved through the intensive and continuing cooperation of a large body of international researchers. The ability to maintain bilateral relations with colleagues from Near Eastern countries is essential for our work on both ethical and practical grounds

The recent [Executive Order issued on January 27, 2017](#), by the President of the United States, that restricts entry of citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen into the country, directly undermines these goals and principles in every respect and must be regarded by our colleagues from the affected countries as a humiliating act. The executive order furthermore has a devastating effect on all future research events hosted by institutions in the US as it brutally severs long grown research affiliations.

The IAA board strongly calls for the immediate suspension of this executive order. We decry the spirit in which it was drafted and we condemn the chilling impact that it will have on both the study of the affected countries and on their people. Until the suspension of the executive order is effected, the IAA must regrettably abstain from organizing any research activities in US territory, as we value the participation of all our members as a matter of principle.

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