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Dear Colleague:

Few Western reporters in the Middle East can match the cultural and linguistic skills of the *Washington Post's* Anthony Shadid, and none write as humanely about this vital region of the world.

His remarkable book on Iraq, *Night Draws Near: Iraq's People in the Shadow of America's War* (Henry Holt, 2005) has just been published in paperback, and to mark that occasion, **Anthony Shadid** will speak at CSIS on **Monday, November 13. A reception will begin at 5:45, and he will speak and answer questions from 6:15-7:15 p.m.** The event will take place in the B-1 conference level of our offices at 1800 K St., NW. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

Shadid's unique reporting of the Iraq war and its aftermath from the perspective of ordinary Iraqis won him the Pulitzer Prize in 2004. He has also won the George Polk Award for Foreign Reporting, the Michael Kelly Award, and an array of other honors. Shadid is now based in Beirut, and this past summer he covered the military conflict for the *Washington Post*. Shadid is a Lebanese-American, born in Oklahoma. He learned Arabic at the University of Wisconsin and the American University in Cairo.

Our space for this event is limited, and you must RSVP if you plan on attending. To confirm your presence, please contact Gregory Brosman at the CSIS Middle East Program by email at [gbrosman@csis.org](mailto:gbrosman@csis.org) no later than Wednesday, November 8. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon B. Alterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jon" being particularly prominent.