AGENDA

PROGRAM ON ARAB REFORM AND DEMOCRACY (ARD)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 26 & 27 APRIL 2012
DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD

DAY ONE – APRIL 26, 2012

9:15-10:30am Opening Panel – International & Domestic Frameworks for Development

Welcoming Remarks: Larry Diamond and Lina Khatib, Stanford University

George Kossaifi, Dar Al-Tanmiyah:
Towards an Integrated Social Policy of the Arab Youth

10:30-11:00am Break

11:00-12:30am Session 1: Political Economy of Reform

Chair: Hicham Ben Abdallah, Stanford University

Mongi Boughzala, University of Tunis El-Manar:
Economic Reforms in Egypt and Tunisia: Revolutionary Change and an Uncertain Agenda

Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Center for International Private Enterprise:
Answering Calls for Economic Dignity

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm Session 2: Oil-Dependent Economies and Social and Political Development

Chair: Larry Diamond, Stanford University

Hedi Larbi, World Bank:
Development and Democracy in Transition Oil-rich Countries in MENA

Ibrahim Saif, Carnegie Middle East Center:
Lessons from the Gulf’s Twin Shocks

3:00-3:30pm Break

3:30-5:00pm Session 3: Youth, ICTs, and Development Opportunities

Chair: Ayça Alemdaroglu, Stanford University

Loubna Skalli-Hanna, American University:
Youth and ICTs in MENA: Development Alternatives and Possibilities

Hatton Ajward Al-Fassi, King Saud University:
Social Media in Saudi Arabia, An Era of Youth Social Representation
DAY TWO – APRIL 27, 2012

9:00-10:30am  Session 1: Civil Society Development

Chair: Sean Yom, Temple University

Laryssa Chomiak, Centre d’Etudes Maghrebines à Tunis (CEMAT):
Civic Resistance to Civil Society: Institutionalizing Dissent in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia
Rihab Elhaj, New Libya Foundation:
Building Libyan Civil Society

10:30-11:00am Break

11:00-12:30pm  Session 2: Democratic Transition and the Political Development of Women

Chair: Katie Zoglin, Human Rights Lawyer

Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University:
The Gender of Democracy: Why It Matters
Amaney Jamal, Princeton University:
Reforms in Personal Status Laws and Women’s Rights in the Arab World

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm  Session 3: Minority Rights as a Key Component of Development

Chair: Lina Khatib, Stanford University

Mona Makram-Ebeid, American University in Cairo:
Challenges Facing Minority Rights in Democratic Transition (title TBC)
Nadim Shehadi, Chatham House:
The Other Turkish Model: Power Sharing and Minority Rights in the Arab Transitions

3:00-3:30pm Break

3:30-4:45pm  Session 4: Towards Integrated Development in the Arab World

Chair: Larry Diamond, Stanford University

Closing roundtable discussion: Scenarios for integrated development

4:45-5:45pm Reception