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PROGRAM ON ARAB REFORM AND DEMOCRACY (ARD)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 26 & 27 APRIL 2012

*DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD*

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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*  
Hatoon Ajwad Al-Fassi, King Saud University:  
*Social Media in Saudi Arabia, An Era of Youth Social Representation*



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**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**