From Political Activism to Democratic Change in the Arab World
May 12-13, 2011
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Second Annual Conference
Program on Arab Reform and Democracy, Center on Democracy, Development, and
the Rule of Law (CDDRL) at Stanford University

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

8:30-9:00am  WELCOME

9:00-9:45am  Opening Speech

Activism in the Middle East: A Framework
Ellen Lust, Yale University

9:45-10:15am  BREAK

10:15-12:15pm  -Tunisia and Egypt

Chair: Ellen Lust, Yale University

Toward a Second Republic in Tunisia
Christopher Alexander, Davidson College

Political Activism of Everyday Life: Lessons from the Tunisian Revolution
Nabiha Jerad, Tunisia

Factors Leading to the Egyptian Revolution: Where are We Now?
Ahmed Salah, Egypt

Discussant: Michele Dunne, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

12:15-1:15pm  LUNCH
1:15-3:15pm - The Gulf

Chair: Larry Diamond, Stanford University

The 2011 Uprising in Bahrain and its Consequences on the Participative Institutions
Laurence Louër, Sciences Po

Activism in Bahrain and the Struggle for Reform
Maryam Alkhawaja, Bahrain Centre for Human Rights

Saudi Arabia: The Impossible Revolution?
Stéphane Lacroix, Sciences Po

Challenges to Realistic Political Reforms in Yemen
Munir Mawari, Yemen

3:15-3:45pm BREAK

3:45-5:15pm - Syria and Lebanon

Chair: Lina Khatib, Stanford University

Activism and the Orphan Reform in Lebanon.
Ziad Majed, American University of Paris

Syria from Political Activism to Popular Uprising:
A Roadmap to Democracy
Radwan Ziadeh, George Washington University

Discussant: Daniel Brumberg, Georgetown University
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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

9:00-10:30 am  - Palestine

Chair: Khalil Barhoum, Stanford University

Pretending Palestine is Normal
Nathan Brown, George Washington University

Palestine: The Non-violent Popular Struggle for Freedom and the Future of Democracy
Mustafa Barghouthi, MP, Palestine

10:30-11:00am  BREAK

11:00-1:00pm  - Jordan and Morocco

Chair: Hicham Ben Abdallah, Stanford University

A Decade of Struggling Reform Efforts in Jordan: The Resilience of the Rentier System
Marwan Muasher, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Assessing Current Public Perceptions of Political Activism Development in Jordan
Amer Bani Amer, Al-Hayat Center for Civil Society Development

Morocco: Activist Revival vs. Autocratic Resilience
Ahmed Benchemsi, Stanford University

Discussant: Sean Yom, Temple University

1:00-2:00pm  LUNCH

2:00-4:00pm  - Concluding Roundtable Discussion and Reflections

Chair: Larry Diamond, Stanford University