The Struggle for Political Change in the Arab World

Friday, October 11 – Saturday, October 12, 2019
Stanford University

Bechtel Conference Center, 1st Floor, Encina Hall

AGENDA

Friday, October 11

8:30 – 9:00am  Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15am  Introductory Remarks

9:15 – 11:15am  Panel 1: The Boundaries of Authoritarianism post-Arab Uprisings

Amr Hamzawy, Stanford University
“The Discourse of Authoritarianism in Egypt”

Sean Yom, Temple University
“Mobilization without Movement: The Curse of the Arab Spring in Jordan”

Samia Errazzouki, University of California, Davis
“Political and Economic Stagnation in Morocco: Twenty Years into King Mohamed VI’s Reign”
Chair: Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University

11:15-11:30am  Coffee Break

11:30-1:30pm  Panel 2: Popular Uprisings and Uncertain Transitions

Thomas Serres, University of California, Santa Cruz
“Beyond the ‘Isaba: A Political Economy of the Algerian Hirak”

Lindsay Benstead, Portland State University
“Religious Ideology or Clientelism? Explaining Voter Preferences in Tunisia’s Transitional Elections”

Khalid Medani, McGill University
"The Prospects and Challenges of Democratic Consolidation in Sudan: Understanding the Roots, Dynamics and Potential of an “Impossible” Revolution"
Chair: Hicham Alaoui, Harvard University

1:30-2:30pm  Lunch

2:30-4:30pm  Panel 3: Politics, Succession and Sectarianism in the GCC States

Toby Matthiesen, Oxford University
“Saudi Arabia and the Arab Counter-Revolution”

Michael Herb, Georgia State University
“Monarchical Institutions and the Decay of Family Rule in the Gulf”

Farah Al-Nakib, California Polytechnic State University
“Kuwait's New Urbanism: Palace Projects and the Erosion of the Public”
Chair: Hesham Sallam, Stanford University

Saturday, October 12

8:30 – 9:00am  Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00am  Panel 4: Social Strife and Proxy Conflict in the Middle East

Lina Khatib, Chatham House
“Syria’s Conflict: The Intersections of the International and the Domestic”

Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Hobart and William Smith Colleges,
“Can Allies in War Become Partners in Peace? Foreign Agendas, Foreign Investment, and Peacebuilding in Yemen”

David Patel, Brandeis University
“Institutions and Competition in Post-Occupation Iraq”
Chair: Amr Hamzawy, Stanford University

11:00-11:15am  Coffee Break
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Panel 5: International Forces in the Arab Political Arena

**Lisa Blaydes**, Stanford University
“Will China's 'Belt and Road' Initiative Steady or Destabilize Arab Authoritarians?”

**Abbas Milani**, Stanford University,
“Iran and its Role in the Prospects of Democracy in the Arab World”

**Colin Kahl**, FSI, Stanford University
“US Policy Toward a Changing Middle East”

**Ayca Alemdaroğlu**, FSI, Stanford University
“The Rise and Fall of ‘neo-Ottomanism’”

Chair: **Larry Diamond**, Stanford University