

Political Science

2011 – 2012 Speaker Series



Bessma Momani

Uprisings in the Arab World and Prospects for Democratic Change

Monday October 17, 2011

Hagey Hall 341

12:00 – 2:00pm

Lecture Details

Undoubtedly, the most dramatic political development of the year has been the uprisings that sparked across the Arab world. While the uprisings have developed very differently in different countries, there is one thing that can be said with certitude: the Middle East will never be the same. From the euphoria that followed the fall of Mubarak, to the escalating violence spreading throughout Syria, and everything in between, new realities require urgent changes in our policies. If anything, the uprisings highlighted how democratic change is developing under unique local circumstances. Recent developments, particularly in Turkey and Egypt, further highlight the impending escalation that would accompany leaving regional conflicts unresolved. With public discourse changing nationally and internationally, the future of democratization in the Middle East is a concern of the entire global community, and this will be a discussion on how best to move forward.

Upcoming Speakers

Tanya De Mello & Philip Tanner

Life After Graduation: Perspectives from Two Award winning Political Science Graduates

Friday October 21, 2011

2:30 -4:00, HH 341

Christiane Lemke

Citizenship in Germany: From Mono-Cultural to Multi-Cultural Society

Thursday November 10, 2011

7:00pm

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