

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ARAB SPRING

**Sponsored by The Program in Islamic, Turkish and Near Eastern
Studies of The Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture,
Washington College**

Thursday 13th October 2011

8pm *Dinner and opening remarks by Dr. Tahir Shad*

Friday 14th October 2011

8am ***BREAKFAST***

9.00 - 10.15

SESSION 1: THE ROLE OF ISLAM IN NORTH AFRICA

Chair: *Dr Nicholas Wood* *University of Oxford*

Paper: Dr. Muqtedar Khan University of Delaware, USA

Paper: Andrew Clark University of Oxford, UK

Discussant: Monica Marks University of Oxford, UK

Discussant: Patrick Brittenden University of Oxford, UK

10.30 - 11.45

**SESSION 2: THE CURRENT POLITICAL TRANSFORMATIONS: GETTING THE
FACTS STRAIGHT**

Chair: *Dr. Muqtedar Khan* *University of Delaware*

Paper: Sinem Kavak Boğaziçi University, Turkey

*'A Spring For Arabs Or Are the Bells Ringing For The Whole World: Avoiding
Culturalism and Pursuing Material Factors Lying Beneath'*

Paper: Zara Shad University of Southampton, UK

'Causes of the Political Transformations in Tunisia: Where did it all begin?'

Paper: Levent Önen Boğaziçi University, Turkey:

*'The Main Characteristics of Political Revolutions in the Arab World: The Cases of
Tunisia and Egypt'*

Paper: Tachfine Baida Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

*'North African and the Middle Eastern Revolutions: A Domino Effect in the Arab
World?'*

Discussant: Dr. Muqtedar Khan University of Delaware, USA

Discussant: Dr. Joseph Prud'homme Washington College, USA

11.45 – 12.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

12.15 – 13.30

SESSION 3: CAUSES OF THE TRANSFORMATION: A REVOLUTION OF ORDINARY PEOPLE; THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Chair: Dr. Muqtedar Khan **University of Delaware**

Paper: Dr. Muqtedar Khan University of Delaware, USA

Paper: Josyn Palma De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde:
'From IRC to IRL: Social Media in Protest Mobilization during the Egyptian Revolution'

Paper: Kenza Yousfi Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
'The Media of Ordinary People: Political Transformation Through Social Movements and Social Media.'

Discussant: Patrick Brittenden University of Oxford, UK
Discussant: Andrew Clark University of Oxford, UK

13.30 – 14.30 **LUNCH**

14.45 – 16.00

SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CURRENT STRUGGLES

Chair: Monica Marks **University of Oxford**

Paper: Dr. Ibtisam Ibrahim Middle East Institute, Washington DC, USA:
'Women's Gain from Arab Spring'

Paper: Monica Marks University of Oxford, UK
"Wolves in Turks' Clothing? Ennahdha Women and the Future of Tunisian Feminism."

Paper: Megan Precourt Washington College, USA
'Life in Egypt: Role of Egyptian Women in the Current Struggles'

Paper: Margarita Buenaventura De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, Philippines
'A Liberal Feminist Analysis of the Role of Women in Egypt's Transition'

Discussant: Monica Marks University of Oxford, UK
Discussant: Deniz Pelek Boğaziçi University, Turkey

16.15 – 17.30

SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF FOOD PRICES, STATE CORRUPTION AND FOREIGN POLICY AS A DE-LEGITIMIZING FACTOR OF THE STATE

Chair: Dr. Tahir Shad Washington College

Paper: Thomas Eli Banghart V Washington College, USA
'Foreign Policy, State Corruption, and the Rise of Food Prices as De-Legitimizing Factors of the State in the Tunisian Jasmine Revolution'

Paper: Cortnee Doll Washington College, USA
"End of a Thirty Year Winter: Demise of an Egyptian Regime"

Paper: Julia Jaquette Washington College, USA
"The fall of Egypt: The Role of Food Prices, State Corruption and Foreign Policy as De-legitimizing factors of the state."

Discussant: Deniz Pelek Boğaziçi University, Turkey
Discussant: Andrew Clark University of Oxford, UK

Saturday October 15th

8am BREAKFAST

9.00 - 10.15

SESSION 6: THE INTER-FAITH ACTION BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS IN THE CURRENT TRANSFORMATION

Chair: Dr. Joseph Prud'homme Washington College

Paper: Marvin Whitaker University of Delaware, USA:
'The Arab Spring: A Plurality of Voices'

Paper: Zulekha Abu Washington College, USA
'The Affect of Islamic Literature on Middle Eastern Society'

Discussant: Patrick Brittenden University of Oxford, UK
Discussant: Dr. Joseph Prud'homme Washington College, USA

10.30 – 11.15

SESSION 7: THE IMPACT ON EUROPE

Chair: Dr. Angelos Sepos Al Akhawayn University

Paper: Dr. Angelos Sepos Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
'The MENA Revolutions: A Case of 'Europeanization Beyond Europe'?'

