

MIDDLE EAST DIALOGUE 2013 (MED13)

***BEYOND THE ARAB SPRING: NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST***

**Whittemore House
Washington D.C.
Thursday- February 21, 2013**

OPENING REMARKS

Paul J. Rich, PhD, President, Policy Studies Organization (PSO), Washington, DC

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS - 9:00 AM Auditorium

Alon Ben Meir, PhD, New York University (NYU)

PANEL SESSIONS

SESSION I

ARAB SPRING 1

10:00 – 11:20 AM

Pub Room

[The Wall of Fear and the Intelligence Apparatus in Syria](#), by Radwan Ziadeh,
PhD, Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Syrian
Center for Political & Strategic Studies, Cambridge, MA

[Arab Spring and Modernization of Islam](#) by Susmit Kumar, PhD Pennsylvania
State University, President, Kumar Consultancy ([View Bio](#))

**[Under New Management: What the Arab Spring Tells Us About Leadership
Needs in the Middle East and North Africa](#)**, by Peter Mamei, PhD, Associate
Professor, Dept. of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

SESSION II

INTERFAITH & ETHNIC DIALOGUES 1

10:00 – 11:20 AM

Library

[Christian-Muslim Relations in Egypt in the Wake of the Arab Spring](#) by Paul Rowe, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, Geography, and Political and International Studies- Trinity Western University ([View CV](#))

[Coptic Ethnological Mobilization on the Road to and Beyond the January 25 Revolution](#) by Ali Zeynel Gokpinar, M.A., Dept. of Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University.

[The Arab Spring and the Rights of Minorities: The Case of Copts and Women in Egypt](#), by Lina Beydoun, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

SESSION III

IRAN

10:00 – 11:20 AM

1870s Room

[The Iranian Opposition: MEK, the Politics of Resistance, and a New Direction in Iran](#), by Ivan Sascha Sheean, PhD, Graduate Program Director and Assistant Professor- School of Public and International Affairs, University of Baltimore ([View Bio](#)) ([View CV](#))

[Iran and the Syrian Crisis: Policies, Problems and Prospects](#) by Maysam Behravesh, PhD Candidate, Lund University, Sweden

[The Role of Economic Sanctions in Deterring Serious Human rights Violations in Iran](#), by Amir Fakhravar, PhD, The Institute of World Politics (IWP), Washington, DC

[The Sacrifice for Democracy](#), by Maryam Abolfazil, Middle East North Africa Director, Eurasia Foundation

SESSION IV

ARAB SPRING 2

11:30 – 12:50 PM

Pub Room

[New Directions in the Middle East “Ignorance, Lobby Power, and the Formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East – The Need for a National Dialogue.”](#) by Lawrence Davidson, PhD, Professor of History, West Chester University ([View Bio](#))

Democracy and Islamist violence: Lessons from post-Mubarak Egypt, by Jerome Drevon, PhD, Durham University

Civil Society in the Arab World: Case Study of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, by Hend Eltaweel, MA, American University in Cairo (AUC)

SESSION V
INTERFAITH & ETHNIC DIALOGUE 2
11:30 – 12:50 PM
Library

Varieties of Secularism in the Middle East: Historical Legacies, Contemporary Realities, by Kristin Fabbe, PhD, Assistant Professor of Government, Claremont McKenna College, University of Victoria

Re-approaching Not Merely Reproaching-- Religious Sectarianism within a Tumultuous Middle East, by Andrew M. Wender, JD, PhD, University of Victoria

SESSION VI
WOMEN'S RIGHTS
11:30 – 12:50 PM
1870s Room

Young Women after the Egyptian Revolution: Embodying Political Agency by Maria Frederika Malmström, PhD, School of Global Studies - University of Gothenburg

Working with Patriarchy: Strategies for Women's Empowerment in Comparative Perspective by Alessandra Gonzalez, PhD Post-Doctoral Research Associate - John Jay College, CUNY ([View Bio](#))

Women's Rights in the Post-Arab Spring Era, by Aylin Unver Noi, PhD Assistant Professor- Department of International Relations- Gedik University ([View CV](#))

The Paradoxical Status of Women in Israel, by Michal Allon, PhD, Faculty of Social Science at Tel Aviv University, Israel.

SESSION VII
ISRAEL AND PALESTINE 1
1:00 – 2:20 PM
Pub Room

[The Palestinian Reconciliation and the Peace Process: a Post Arab Spring View.](#) by Ido Zelkowitz, PhD, Department of Middle Eastern History- University of Haifa, Israel ([View CV](#))

["Sidelineing the Hardliners: A '2+1 State Solution' For Palestine" A Basis for Roundtable Discussion of Alternative Frameworks for Israeli-Palestinian Peace](#) by Chris Ferrero, PhD, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations ([View Bio](#))

[Israel After the Elections: Any Chance for the Peace Process?](#) By, Josef Olmert, Ph.D Adjunct Professor, School of International Affairs- *American University*

**SESSION VIII
POLICY AND POLITICS 1
1:00 – 2:20 PM
Library**

[Middle East Union \(MEU\): A Futuristic Approach](#) by Alan L. Moss, PhD, Senior Consultant - Employment Research Corporation ([View CV](#))

[September 11: A Decade Later- Toward a Nonviolent, Pluralistic Middle East](#) by Amitai Etzioni, PhD ([View Bio](#))

[Non-Inclusive Economic Growth and the Built Environment in the Arab Middle East: A Precursor to the Arab Spring?](#) by Bessma Momani, PhD, Associate Professor, Balsillie School of International Affairs - University of Waterloo ([View Bio](#))

**SESSION VII
TURKEY
1:00 – 2:20 PM
1870s Room**

[Turkey and Iran as "Models": A Cautionary Tale for the Middle East after the Arab Spring](#) by Barin Kayaoglu, PhD, University of Virginia ([View CV](#))

[The Late Justice and Development Party in Turkey: Towards Alter-Kemalism](#) by Eylem Akdeniz, PhD, Assistant Professor, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

[In Between the Glorious Past and Wounded Self Image: What Does Turkey Have to Offer for the Middle East?](#) by Bahar Senem Çevik-Ersaydi, PhD. Assistant Professor, Ankara University Center for the Study and Research of Political Psychology ([View Bio](#))

SESSION IX
ISRAEL & PALESTINE 2
2:30 – 3:50 PM
Pub Room

[How to Identify the Pieces of Puzzles to Perceive the 'Bigger Picture' - the attainment of peace in the Middle East](#) by Pervez Mohsin, Lecturer, Department of Sciences & Humanities, National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Karachi, Pakistan

[China's Relationship with Israel and Palestine, and Challenges: Perspectives from China](#), by Yiyi Chen, PhD, Professor and Director of the center for Middle Eastern peace studies at Shanghai Jiatong University, Shanghai and Director of the Institute of Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Peking University, Beijing, China Studies, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Sino-Western Communication*.

SESSION X
POLICY AND POLITICS 2
2:30 – 3:50 PM
Library

[Agreeing to Kick the Can down the Road the future of domestic politics in the Middle East?](#) by Eric Bordenkircher ABD, UCLA

[The Legend of the Crusades in Arab Media and Culture in the Contemporary Middle East](#), by Taef el-Azhari, PhD, Qatar University

SESSION XI
SOCIOLOGY
2:30 – 3:50 PM
1870s Room

[A Global Awakening: Developing a Consensus Paradigm through a Common Language of Normative and Compassionate Justice](#). by Robert Crane, PhD, Professor- Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies

"My life is more important than family honor:" Protesting a Culture of Article 308 in light of the Arab Spring by Sarah Tobin, PhD, Mellon Post Doctoral Fellow in Islamic Studies, Department of Anthropology - Wheaton College

Juvenile Death Penalty in Islamic Countries: The Road to Abolition is Paved with Paradox, by Sanaz Alasti, PhD, Lamar University, Texas

Egyptian AUC Undergraduate Students Optimism for the Future: An Introduction to the Study by Abigail Appleton, MA and Hillery Roach, MA, American University in Cairo.

SUMMARY, CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CLOSING SESSION

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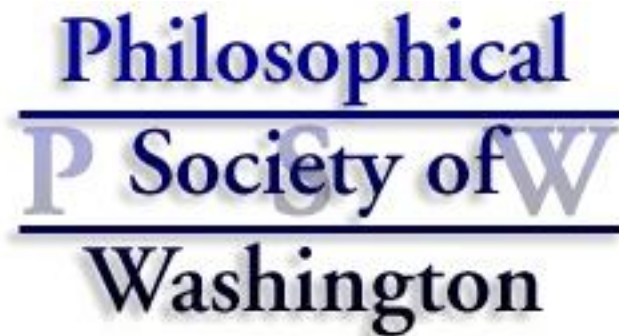
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