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Presentation

Building Inclusive and Pluralistic Systems Post-Arab Spring

Keynote Speaker

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Panelists

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Mazen Hassan, Ph.D.

Professor, Cairo University

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Peter Salisbury

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Hillary Wiesner, Ph.D.

Program Director for Transnational Movements, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Question and Answer Session

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About the Event

Now in its sixth year, the political and social upheaval triggered by the Arab uprisings shows little sign of abating. U.S. and international policymakers continue to struggle to respond to the turmoil, which includes state collapse and the rise of radical jihadism in Syria, Iraq and Yemen; the fragmentation of political authority in Libya; faltering transitions in Egypt and Tunisia; and the longer-term economic and political challenges facing oil-rich Arab Gulf states.

Political, socio-religious and economic exclusion remain among the most significant catalysts of instability. Grievances that initially triggered the uprisings remain unaddressed, youth are further disenfranchised and marginalized, and minority voices remain unheard as Arab states face the rising tide of radicalism and severe economic crises.

The **Baker Institute Center for the Middle East**, in collaboration with the **Carnegie Corporation of New York**, hosts a panel of renowned Middle East and North Africa experts to identify effective and sustainable policy options the new U.S. administration may consider to foster more inclusive and pluralistic systems in the region.

Featured Speakers

Amr Hamzawy, Ph.D., is a former member of the People's Assembly who won a seat in the first parliamentary elections following Egypt's 2011 revolution. Hamzawy is a renowned scholar specializing in democratization processes, political movements and civil society, political change and the rule of law, and human rights and governance in the Arab world. He has held many positions at academic institutions and research centers, including his current position as senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. His most recent academic appointments are at the American University in Cairo, where he is an associate professor of political science, and Cairo University. Hamzawy also contributes a daily column and a weekly op-ed to the Egyptian independent daily Shorouk.

Mazen Hassan, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of comparative politics at Cairo University and a Carnegie Fellow at Harvard University's Ash Center. He specializes in party systems, electoral systems, new democracies and experimental political science. He has co-authored two books on the Egyptian political system in transition following the 2011 revolution.

Valentine Moghadam, Ph.D., is the director of the International Affairs Program and the Middle East Studies Program, and a professor of sociology at Northeastern University. Her areas of research include revolutions and social movements, transnational feminist networks, and gender, development and democratization in the MENA region. Her current research examines the prospects for a women-friendly democratization process after the Arab Spring.

Marwan Muasher, Ph.D., is vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he oversees research in Washington, D.C. and Beirut on the Middle East. Muasher served as foreign minister (2002-2004) and deputy prime minister (2004-2005) of Jordan, and his career has spanned the areas of diplomacy, development, civil society, and communications. His most recent book, published by Yale University Press in 2014, is titled "The Second Arab Awakening and the Battle for Pluralism."

Imad Salamey, Ph.D., is an associate professor of political science and international affairs, and the director of the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, Lebanon. He is also the president of the renowned Center for Arab Research and Development. His research examines ethnic and sectarian polarization and transnational extremism in the MENA countries.

Peter Salisbury is an associate fellow at the Chatham House MENA Program. Previously a journalist and analyst writing on political economy issues in the MENA region, Salisbury is an avid contributor to prominent publications including Foreign Policy. His work on the Yemen Forum at Chatham House culminated in the report "Yemen: Corruption, Capital Flights and Global Drivers of Conflict."

Hillary Wiesner, Ph.D., is the program director for Transnational Movements and the Arab Region at the Carnegie Corporation. She most recently served as the first director of programs of the Vienna-based intergovernmental Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, where she built field programming in education, media and dialogue bridging secular and religious institutions.

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