

Political Change in the Arab World: Internal Dynamics and Regional Actors

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Day One, March 27

9:00-9:45 Welcome

Umran İnan, President, Koç University
Ali Çarkoğlu, Dean, Koç University
Ziya Öniş, Koç University
Larry Diamond, Director, CDDRL, Stanford University

9:45-10:30 Opening Address

Yaşar Yakış, Former Foreign Minister of Turkey and Former Ambassador

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:30 Session 1: Transitions in Tunisia and Egypt: Taking stock of what happened
and future prospects

Chair: Larry Diamond, Stanford University

Şener Aktürk, Koç University

Amr Adly, Stanford University

Amr Hamzaway, Cairo University

Tewfik Aclimandos, Collège de France

Discussant: Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:45 Session 2: Political Islam: Focusing on the future of the Muslim Brotherhood as a regional actor (Egypt, Tunisia, and elsewhere) and the role of Salafis

Chair: Murat Somer, Koç University

Omar Ashour, University of Exeter

Abdelwahab Al Affendi, University of Westminster

Stéphane Lacroix, Sciences Po

Discussant: Hesham Sallam, Stanford University

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-5:45 Session 3: Violent Conflict and its Aftermath: The security challenge, focusing on Yemen, Syria, and Libya, and examining the role of Turkey, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia vis-a-vis Islamist extremists

Chair: Omar Ashour, University of Exeter

Steve Heydemann, USIP

April Alley, International Crisis Group

Ali Ahmida, University of New England

Discussant: Wael Sawah, TDA

6:15 Shuttle

7:00 Dinner

Day Two - March 2014:

9:00-10:45 Session 1: Monarchies in Transition 1: Focusing on the internal politics of the Gulf (Qatar, Saudi Arabia, other Gulf states)

Chair: Sultan Sooud Al-Qassemi, UAE

Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, Emirates University

Carine Abou Lahoud, Saint Joseph University

Nabil Mouline, CNRS-Stanford University

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Session 2: Monarchies in Transition 2: focusing on Jordan and Morocco

Chair: Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University

Ahmed Benchemsi, Free Arabs

Marwan Muasher, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:15 Session 3: The Role of Regional Actors: The GCC and the Arab League

Chair: Steve Heydemann, USIP

Ahmed Ben Sager, Gulf Research Center

Ambassador Hesham Youssef, Senior Advisor to the Secretary General, Arab League, Cairo

Lina Khatib, Carnegie Middle East Center

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:30 Session 4: The Role of Turkey as a Regional Player: How Turkey views the Arab Spring; How Turkey has been affected by the Arab Spring; The impact that the Turkish model has had (or failed to have); the influence that Turkey has sought to exert in the region (including the Maghreb).

Chair: Dr. Ziya Öniş, Koç University

Retired Ambassador Özdem Sanberk, Former Ambassador, President of USAK
think tank, Ankara

Soli Özel, Kadir Has University and Haber Türk

Reşat Bayer, Koç University

Özlem Altan, Koç University

6:00 Closing Reception

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