

Revolt, Reform, and the Rule of Law in the Middle East

with

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The recent fall of dictatorships in Tunisia and Egypt was met with jubilation by the Muslim World and seen as a sign that authoritarianism is increasingly endangered by young, socially-connected populations. But with the ongoing conflict in Libya and the brutal suppression of other protests in the region, it's clear that democratic transformations in the Middle East are by no means inevitable. The question is not only whether protests will continue to spread, but also whether those countries that have brought change can sustain that change in the long term. Dr. Wassim Harb, Founder of the Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI), will discuss the current state of the Middle East and the role of civil society in advancing reform, and provide insights into the prospects for reinforcing the rule of law and good governance in Arab countries.

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