

DEMOCRATIZING THE MIDDLE EAST?

JANUARY 26–27, 2006

SESSION III

Religion and Democracy

11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

SPEAKERS: **Vali R. Nasr**, Professor of Middle East and South Asia Politics, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School

Ayman Abdel Nour, Editor, *All4Syria*, and Political Analyst, Damascus, Syria

Mark Tessler, Samuel J. Eldersveld Collegiate Professor of Political Science, Vice Provost for International Affairs, and Director, International Institute, University of Michigan

DISCUSSANT: The Honorable **Barbara Bodine**, Senior Fellow and Director, The Governance Initiative in the Middle East, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

CHAIR: **Farhad Kazemi**, Professor of Politics and Middle Eastern Studies, and Director, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University

SESSION IV

Women and Democracy

2:15–4:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS: **Andrea Rugh**, Adjunct Scholar, Public Policy Center, Middle East Institute

Jenny White, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Boston University

Mahnaz Afkhami, President, Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace, Bethesda, Maryland

DISCUSSANT: **Diane Singerman**, Associate Professor, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University

CHAIR: **Jeswald W. Salacuse**, Henry J. Braker Professor of Commercial Law, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

SESSION V

American Interests and Middle East Democracy

4:15–6:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS: **F. Gregory Gause III**, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Director, Middle East Studies Program, University of Vermont

Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, University of Maryland (College Park)

The Honorable **William A. Rugh**, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University

DISCUSSANT: **Stephen W. Van Evera**, Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

CHAIR: **Ali Banuazizi**, Professor of Psychology and Codirector, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program, Boston College

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

SPEAKERS: **Larry Diamond**, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and Codirector, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy

Rami G. Khouri, Editor-at-large, *The Daily Star*, Beirut, Lebanon

CHAIR: The Honorable **Stephen W. Bosworth**, Dean, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Closing

Leila Fawaz, Founding Director, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, and **Issam M. Fares**, Professor of Lebanese and Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University

Democratizing the Middle East?

This conference seeks to make a significant contribution to an American understanding of the Middle East. The conference also aims at helping students, faculty, and policy makers put into perspective current U.S. policies that aspire to promote “freedom” and “democracy” in the Middle East.

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Conference schedule



THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

2:30 p.m.

Registration

Cabot Intercultural Center

3:00–3:15 p.m.

Welcome

Jamshed Bharucha, Provost, Senior Vice President, and Professor of Psychology, Tufts University
Fares I. Fares, Trustee, Tufts University; Executive Committee Member, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University; and Chairman of the Board, Wedge Alternatives Ltd.
Leila Fawaz, Founding Director, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies and Issam M. Fares Professor of Lebanese and Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

3:15–4:45 p.m.

Historical Precedents for Middle East Democracy

SPEAKER: **Rashid Khalidi**, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies, and Director, Middle East Institute, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
CHAIR: The Honorable **Stephen W. Bosworth**, Dean, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

SESSION I

Constitutions and the Law

4:45–6:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS: **David Kretzmer**, Visiting Professor of International Law, The Fletcher School, and Visiting Scholar, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University
Bruce Rutherford, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colgate University
Said Amir Arjomand, Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook
CHAIR: **Frank E. Vogel**, Director, Islamic Legal Studies Program, and The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Adjunct Professor of Islamic Legal Studies, Harvard Law School

6:30 p.m.

Reception

Hall of Flags

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

SESSION II

Elections and Civil Society

9:00–10:45 a.m.

SPEAKERS: **Augustus Richard Norton**, Professor of International Relations and Anthropology, Boston University
Eva Bellin, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Hunter College
Mustapha El-Sayed, Charles Evan Hughes Professor of Jurisprudence, Department of Political Science, Colgate University
Taoufik Bakkali, Middle East Partnership Initiative Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Rabat, Morocco
CHAIR: **Malik Mufti**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Tufts University