



**THE ARAB SPRING IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE:
Dramatic Transitions in Recent Decades**

June 4-5, 2013

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Venue: The Abramson Family Founders Room at the School of International Service at American University, 3400 Nebraska Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20016

1:00 – 3:00 PM Welcoming Remarks

Jim Goldgeier, American University and Ron Pruessen, University of Toronto

Panel I: Constitutional/Democracy Issues and Developments

Moderator: Jim Goldgeier, American University

Brazil: Matt Taylor, American University, Washington, DC

Mexico: Reynaldo Ortega, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico

Turkey: Sebnem Gumuscu, Sabanci University, Istanbul

Eastern Europe: Valerie Bunce, Cornell University, NY

Comments: Diane Singerman, American University, Washington, DC

3:00 – 3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:30 PM Panel II: Justice, Human Rights, and Rule of Law Issues

Moderator: Ron Pruessen, University of Toronto

Brazil: Oscar Vilhena Vieira, Dean, Getulio Vargas Foundation Law School, São Paulo, Brazil

Eastern Europe: David Bosco, American University, Washington, DC

Mexico: Mariclaire Acosta, Freedom House, Washington, DC

Turkey: Joshua Walker, International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Comments: Shadi Mokhtari, American University, Washington, DC

5:30 – 6:30 PM Reception

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

*Venue: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (5th floor conference room),
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 2004*

10:00 AM – 12:00 AM Welcoming Remarks

Christian Ostermann, Wilson Center, and Ron Pruessen, University of Toronto

Panel III: External Pressures and Interventions

Moderator: Michael Geary, Wilson Center

Europe: Mieczyslaw Boduszynski, Department of State / Piotr Kosicki, University of Maryland and Woodrow Wilson Center

Mexico: Victor Alarcon, Autonomous University, Mexico City

Turkey: Stephen Larabee, RAND

Historical Cases: Brandon King/Ron Pruessen, University of Toronto, Canada

Comments: Marina Ottaway, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM Panel IV: The Role of Women and Youth

Moderator: Haleh Esfandiari, Woodrow Wilson Center

Brazil: Luciana Serrão Sampaio, Embassy of Brazil in Washington, DC

Eastern Europe: Sharon Wolchik, The George Washington, University, Washington, DC

Turkey: Susan Pearce, East Carolina University, Title VIII-supported scholar, Wilson Center

Commentator: Loubna Hanna, American University, Washington, DC

3:00 – 3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:30 PM Roundtable Discussion

Paul Cadario, University of Toronto

Abraham Lowenthal, Brookings

Loubna Hanna, American University, Washington, DC

Shadi Mokhtari, American University, Washington, DC