



The Middle East Dialogue

Friday, February 24th,

The Whittemore House,

1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC

In cooperation with American Public University System and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

8:30 – 9:00 am
The Hamlin Room

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:05 am
Stevenson Auditorium

Brief greetings from the conference chairs: **Paul Rich**,
President, *Policy Studies Organization*, and **Mohammed**
Aman, Editor-in-chief, *Digest of Middle East Studies*

Plenary Panel
9:05 – 10:00 am
Stevenson Auditorium

**The Middle East Today: The Arab Spring, The Syrian
Summer**

Chair: Paul Rich, *President, Policy Studies Organization*

Thomas Mattair, *Middle East Policy Council*
Ambassador Mark Hambley, *Department of State*
William Morris, *The Next Century Foundation*

Session 1
10:00 – 11:00 am
The Pub Room

**Panel: Research on Women in the Middle East and North
Africa and the Arab Spring**

Chair: Guillermo De Los Reyes, *University of Houston*

Jane Henrici, *Institute for Women's Policy Research*
Rola Abdul-Latif, *International Foundation for Electoral
Systems*

Session 2
10:00 – 10:30 am
The Library

**US Foreign Policy and the Arab Spring: Balancing Values
and Interests**

Chair: Sergey Kostyaev, *Russian Academy of Sciences*

Pierre M. Atlas, *Marian University*

Session 3
10:00 – 10:30 am
The 1870s Room

**Democratic Islamization in Pakistan and Turkey: Lessons
for the post-Arab Spring Middle East**

Chair: Nuchhi Currier, *President, The Woman's National
Democratic Club*

Juris Pupcenoks, *Washington College*

Session 4
10:30 – 11:00 am
The Library

Muslim Countries Lobbying in the US: Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen
Chair: Nuchhi Currier, *President, The Woman's National Democratic Club*

Sergey Kostyaev, *Russian Academy of Sciences*

Session 5
10:30 – 11:00 am
The 1870s Room

Successful Negotiations in the Middle East
Chair: Pierre M. Atlas, *Marian University*

Bagher Fardanesh, *Towson University*

Session 6
11:00 – 12:00 am
The Pub Room

Panel: Advancing Peace and Conflict Studies in Transitioning Democracies: The Iraq Experience as a Model for the Region

Chair: Juris Pupcenoks, *Washington College*

Thomas Hill and Rita Naman, *New York University*

Session 7
11:00 – 11:30 am
The Library

Water Issues on the Palestinian Territories and the Nile Valley

Chair: Mohammed Aman, *Digest of Middle East Studies*

Marwan Hassan, *University of British Columbia*

Session 8
11:00 – 12:00 pm
The 1870s Room

Panel: Transition in Libya and the Road Ahead

Chair: Fadel Lamén, *The American-Libyan Council*

Hafed al-Ghwell and Esam Omiesh, *The American-Libyan Council*

Session 9
11:30 – 12:00 pm
The Library

Barriers to Resolving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Chair: Ambassador Richard Kauzlarich, *Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, George Mason University*

Warren Clark, *Churches for Middle East Peace*

Session 10
12:00 – 12:30 am
The Library

Arab-Israeli Peace: Challenges, Progress, and Prospects

Chair: Jennifer Staley, *American Public University*

Adina Friedman, *American University*

Session 11
12:30 – 1:00 pm
The Library

Non-Jewish Minorities and the Question of Service in the Israel Defense Forces, 1948-1958

Chair: Bagher Fardanesh, *Towson University*

Randall Geller, *American University*

Plenary Session
1:00 – 1:30 pm
Stevenson Auditorium

A Region in Crisis... Lost Opportunities?

Chair: Mohammed Aman, *Digest of Middle East Studies*

Alon Ben-Meir, *New York University*

Plenary Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm
Stevenson Auditorium

Women and Their Challenges in Arab and Muslim Societies: a Multidimensional Framework.

Chair: Paul Rich, *President, Policy Studies Organization*

Ambassador Sallama Shaker, *Yale University*

Session 12
2:00 – 3:00 pm
The Pub Room

Panel: Arab Spring and the American Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Chair: Winthrop Brainerd, *Oxford University*

Steven LeVine, *Foreign Policy and New America Foundation*

Dennis Kelly, *Independent Consultant*

Jon Anderson, *Catholic University*

Patrick Corcoran, *Catholic University*

Session 13
2:00 – 3:00 pm
The Library

Graduates Panel: Perspectives on the Middle East

Chair: Nuchhi Currier, *President, The Woman's National Democratic Club*

Chana Solomon-Schwartz, *George Washington University*

Why Reservations? Explaining Variation within State Parties' Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Tahani Alsabah, *Texas Woman's University*

Kuwaiti and American Parental Perceptions Towards their Child with a Disability

Yasmina Mrabet, *Peace x Peace*

Letting Women Speak for Themselves: The Power of New Media

Reid Tillman Smith, *The University of Delaware*

The Mahdi and the Mullah: Islamic Revival, Jihad and the Future of Radical Islam

Session 14
2:00 – 2:30 pm
The 1870s Room

Did Civil Society Matter in the Arab Spring? A Cross Comparative Analysis of Thirteen Cases

Chair: Sarah Tobin, *Wheaton College*

Rita Stephan, *Georgetown University*

Session 15
2:30 – 3:00 pm
The 1870s Room

The Compromise Alternative Medicine Makes to Interfaith Conflict Resolution: A Comparison of Interfaith Education as a Cultural Competency versus Interfaith in Humanism

Chair: Arnauld Nicogossian, *George Mason University*

Janet Kanter, *Old Dominion University*

Session 16
3:00 – 4:00 pm
The Pub Room

Panel: Prospects and Perspectives on Egypt

Chair: Guillermo De Los Reyes, *University of Houston*

Amr Yossef, *New York University*

Israel and Post-Mubarak Egypt: Perils of Historical Analogy

Sahar Khamis, *University of Maryland*

Egypt Revisited: Changes, Challenges, Threats, and Opportunities on the Revolution's First Anniversary

Anna Newby, *The Project on Middle East Democracy*
U.S. Civil Society Assistance to Egypt: Thinking Long-Term

Mara Revkin, *Atlantic Council*

The Brewing Crisis Over Egypt's Next Constitution

Session 17
3:00 – 3:30 pm
The Library

Middle Class and Anti-Revolution in 'The Nation of Security and Stability': Jordan's Arab Spring

Chair: Mohammed Aman, *Digest of Middle East Studies*

Sarah Tobin, *Wheaton College*

Session 18
3:00 – 4:00 pm
The 1870s Room

Panel: The Role of Libyan Women in the Revolution

Chair: Rebecca Mayo, *Global Task Force, U.S. Government*

Leila Tayeb and Shahrazad Kablan, *The American-Libyan Council*

Session 19
4:00 – 4:30 pm
The Pub Room

Crisis Mapping Intelligence Information During the Libyan Civil War: An Exploratory Case Study

Chair: James M. Dorsey, *Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

Steve Stottlemire, *Office of Intelligence & Threat Analysis, U.S. Department of State*

Session 20
4:00 – 4:30 pm
The Library

Learning Through Upheaval: Strategies for Analyzing and Construing Emerging Socio-Political Transformations in the Middle East

Chair: Fred Stielow, *American Public University System*

Andrew Wender, *University of Victoria*

Session 21
4:00 – 4:30 pm
The 1870s Room

Soccer as a Venue for Protest in the Middle East and Africa: A Proven Site for Political Contestation

Chair: Jennifer Staley, *American Public University System*

James M. Dorsey, *Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

Closing Plenary
8:15 pm
John Wesley Powell
Auditorium
Cosmos Club

Stories of Sand: Role of Fish, Floods and Folks in Landscape Evolution

Marwan Hassan, *University of British Columbia*

**This session is presented in cooperation with the Philosophical Society of Washington. Refreshments are served.*

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