

Democratising the Neighbourhood: The Implications of the Arab Spring for the Middle East and Asia

Canberra, 9-10 December 2011

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (The Middle East and Central Asia),
Australian National University;
Transnational Challenges and Emerging Nations Dialogue (TRANSCEND),
School of International Service, American University

Conference Program

Venue: Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Building 127, Ellery Crescent,
Australian National University

Friday, 9 December 2011

0830-0900 Registration and coffee

Official Opening

0900-0915 Professor Mandy Thomas
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Graduate Studies)
Australian National University

Session 1

0915-1045 a) *Egypt and Tunisia*
Professor Mohammad Selim
Kuwait University/University of Cairo

b) *Implications for the Gulf Cooperation Council*
Professor Abdulkhaleq Abdulla
United Arab Emirates University

Chair: Professor Robert Bowker

1045-1115 *Morning Tea*

Session 2

1115-1230 a) *Responsibility to Protect Norm: Humanitarianism, Democracy and Intervention*
Professor Ramesh Thakur
Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy, Australian National University

b) *Morocco and Algeria*
Dr Karima Laachir
School of Oriental and African Studies, London
Visiting Fellow Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies

Chair: Professor Amin Saikal

1230-1330 *Lunch*

Friday, 9 December (Continued)

Session 3

1330-1500

Afghanistan and Iraq

Professor Amin Saikal

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University

b) *Democratising Pakistan*

Professor Samina Yasmeen

Centre for Muslim States and Societies, University of Western Australia

Chair: Dr Victoria Mason

1500-1530

Afternoon Tea

Session 4

1530-1700

a) *Iran's Perspectives and Response to the Arab Revolts*

Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh

Asia Institute, University of Melbourne

b) *The 'Arab Spring' and Central Asia*

Dr Kirill Nourzhanov

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University

Chair: Professor Neal Robinson

1900

Conference Dinner

Venue: The Drawing Room, University House

Saturday, 10 December

Session 5

0900-1100

a) *China's Response*

Dr Baogang He

Deakin University

b) *Malaysia and Singapore*

Dr Alan Chong

Nanyang Technical University, Singapore

c) *Burma*

Mr Trevor Wilson

College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Chair: Professor Amitav Acharya

1100-1120

Morning Tea

Session 6

1120-1235

a) *Indonesia's Response to the Arab Uprisings*

Dr Greg Fealy

College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

b) *The Arab Spring and the Asian Summer: Democratisation and Its Discontents in a Rising Asia*

Professor Amitav Acharya

American University, Washington DC

Chair: Professor Amin Saikal

1235-1300

Closing Remarks

Professor Amin Saikal and Professor Amitav Acharya

1300

Lunch and Farewell