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A DECADE OF DIALOGUE

WELCOME

Ahlan Wa Sahlan!

On behalf of the Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, housed within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, we welcome you to the tenth annual U.S.-Islamic World Forum. In partnership with the State of Qatar, Brookings convenes this Forum annually under the gracious auspices of H.R.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar.

Last year, we examined the impact of the “Arab Awakening,” not just for the Arab world, but also for the United States and Muslim communities around the globe. This year, we meet as many Muslim communities pursue the challenging work of democratization and development, as South Asia prepares for momentous transitions, and as too many people in too many places still struggle to overcome violent conflict.

During our three days together, we have arranged a variety of formats for candid dialogue and engagement:

- A series of **keynote remarks** at our opening gala dinner from world leaders, discussing the challenges and opportunities confronting relations between the United States and Muslim communities around the globe;
- Televised and webcast **plenary sessions** to explore in-depth key developments, transitions, and crises affecting our world;
- A set of four targeted **working groups** bringing together practitioners and experts from specific fields to develop practical partnerships and policy recommendations for our governments.

We are grateful to His Highness the Emir for his leadership and generosity in enabling us to come together for these three days of candid discussion. We would also like to thank the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabr Al-Thani, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their support. In particular, we would like to recognize H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Jabr Al-Thani, the Minister’s Assistant for International Cooperation Affairs and the Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences, as well as the Permanent Committee’s Executive Director, Ambassador Abdulla Fakhroo, and the ministry’s entire staff for their support.

Thank you for joining us and we look forward to welcoming you to Doha.



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Your Stay for the 2013 U.S.-Islamic World Forum

Welcome to the 2013 U.S.-Islamic World Forum, held this year at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Doha, Qatar. It is our hope that your time with us is both informative and comfortable. To ensure this, we wanted to outline for you our policies with respect to transportation, hotel, and meals during the forum.

Transportation and Travel:

Complimentary transportation will be provided for all international participants from Doha International Airport to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and from the hotel to the airport for your return.

Bus transportation will also be provided from the Ritz-Carlton to the off-site dinner on Monday, June 10th. We request all participants to please be at the entrance of the Ritz-Carlton hotel promptly at 7:00 pm for departure. For special needs only, participants may also request a private car through the concierge desk.

If you have questions or concerns related to your airline travel, a Qatar Airways travel agent will be available on-site to answer any questions that you may have.

Hotel Stay:

We are pleased to provide you with a complimentary room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the nights of June 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. If you would like to extend your stay, you may do so subject to availability and at your own expense. There are no exceptions to this policy.

In addition, during the nights of June 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, you will receive free internet service in your hotel room.

A valid credit card must be presented during check-in for incidental charges that may be incurred during your stay.

Meals and Translation Services:

For all participants and special guests, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are complimentary on behalf of the Forum; however, please note that room service and items from the minibar will be at your own expense.

If you have any special needs or requests, please visit the concierge desk at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Translation services are also available.

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

All Sessions will be held
in the Al Wosail Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

6:00PM	Registration
8:00PM	Welcome Reception

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

6:30AM	Breakfast (The Lagoon Restaurant)
9:00AM-10:30AM	Registration
10:30AM-11:00AM	Welcoming Remarks
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary I: <i>Transitions in Afghanistan and Pakistan*</i>
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch (The Lagoon Restaurant)
2:15PM-5:30PM	Working Group Sessions
7:00PM-9:00PM	Gala Dinner (Al Wosail Ballroom)

MONDAY, JUNE 10

6:30AM	Breakfast (The Lagoon Restaurant)
8:00AM-9:00AM	Plenary II: <i>"Politics Demonizes, Culture Humanizes": Arts, Conflict, and Security*</i>
9:00AM-10:45AM	Working Group Sessions
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary III: <i>Democracy and Development: How Do They Fit Together?*</i>
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch (The Lagoon Restaurant)
2:15PM-4:30PM	Working Group Sessions
7:00PM	Buses Depart for Off-site Dinner

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:30AM	Breakfast (The Lagoon Restaurant)
8:00AM-9:15AM	Plenary Session IV: <i>Arab Opinion, Identity, and the Reshaping of the Middle East*</i>
9:15AM-10:45AM	Working Group Sessions
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary V: <i>Ripple Effects: the Syria Crisis and its Regional Impact*</i>
12:45PM-1:15PM	Closing Remarks and Summary
1:30PM-3:00PM	Lunch and Conclusion of Forum (The Lagoon Restaurant)

* Open to the media

PLENARY SESSIONS

All Sessions will be held
in the Al Wosail Ballroom

DATE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
JUNE 9 11:00AM-12:45PM	<p>Plenary I: Transitions in Afghanistan and Pakistan</p> <p>The coming year will bring dramatic change to American engagement with the governments and peoples of South Asia. Afghanistan's government is taking on more security responsibility as the United States and NATO prepare to withdraw most of their forces from the country by the end of 2014. This year, Pakistan will experience its first civilian transfer of power, while Afghanistan prepares for presidential elections next year. These important steps also raise questions about the prospects for political, economic, and security stability in the region, and the future role of the United States in achieving those regional goals. Can Afghan forces effectively protect their own country's security? How can Afghanistan-Pakistan relations work to advance regional stability and development? What are the prospects for regional economic integration through a "New Silk Road" strategy? How can local governments and civil society work together to address citizens' needs? What are American interests and American responsibilities as the troop withdrawal from Afghanistan is underway?</p>

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JUNE 10
8:00AM-9:00AM

Plenary II: “Politics Demonizes, Culture Humanizes”: Arts, Conflict, and Security

Arts and culture play a central symbolic and social role in regions beset by conflict. Extremists recognize the power of arts and culture, and target tangible (Bamayan Buddhas) and intangible (Mali’s Festival in the Desert) cultural icons and leaders for destruction. In war-torn areas of the world, artists reach for their pens, instruments, and voices to mirror their worlds, to hold governments accountable, and to protest injustice and repression. This panel will examine the evolving roles of arts, culture, and media in areas and situations of conflict and instability. It will highlight how governmental and non-governmental leaders can support the role of arts and culture in promoting human security and in fostering positive political and social change and economic development.

JUNE 10
11:00AM-12:45PM

Plenary III: Democracy and Development: How Do They Fit Together?

Two years ago, popular demands for bread, freedom, and social justice overturned the political order in several Arab countries—but since then, governments have struggled to meet public demands, and populations are increasingly skeptical and impatient about their prospects for a better life. While countries in transition have made strides toward establishing new rules for the political game, painful economic policy choices loom. Deepening political polarization, lags in reforming government institutions, spiking sectarian tensions, and ongoing security challenges have all retarded economic recovery and made international investors and donors hesitant to step in. Meanwhile, lessons of development confirm the importance of transparent, accountable, and responsive governance to achieving sustainable economic growth and human development. At times of instability and transition, how can international donors and institutions help advance inclusive governance and development? What are the domestic challenges to promoting democracy and development, and how can they be overcome? What is the best role for private sector actors, and how do we engage them effectively on behalf of good governance and development?

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JUNE 11
8:00AM-9:15AM

Plenary IV: Arab Opinion, Identity, and the Reshaping of the Middle East

This plenary discussion addresses the prisms through which Arabs view the world, the driving forces behind the Arab uprisings, and how these forces are likely to shape the political battles in Arab societies in the coming years. In the new Middle East, Arab public opinion matters more than ever before; and Arab public notions of “dignity” are not limited to relations between rulers and ruled but, fundamentally, include Arab relations with the outside world. The panel will cover themes to include Arab attitudes toward the United States, Iran, Israel, other global powers, as well as attitudes toward democracy, the role of religion, and women. We will feature a discussion of Shibley Telhami’s new book, *The World Through Arab Eyes: Arab Public Opinion and the Reshaping of the Middle East*, with comments from knowledgeable experts.

JUNE 11
11:00AM-12:45PM

Plenary Session V: Ripple Effects: the Syria Crisis and its Regional Impact

The violence in Syria has claimed more than 80,000 lives and displaced almost 5 million people, either internally or as refugees. The spiraling effects of the conflict on the neighborhood include humanitarian, security, and political challenges. The international community has debated extensively about the impact of this crisis on international security and the interests of neighboring states, but as yet has not achieved consensus on how to respond. This high-level panel will explore the regional impact of the crisis in Syria—on neighboring countries, but also on the strategic balance, regional diplomacy, and on other longstanding challenges in the region.

WORKING GROUPS

On the Brink: Avoiding Economic Collapse and Promoting Inclusive Growth in Egypt and Tunisia

CONVENERS

Hafez Ghanem, Shadi Hamid, and Salman Shaikh

Economic frustration and anger helped fuel the Arab revolutions—but after two years, Egypt and Tunisia are facing an increase in the fiscal and balance of payments deficits, a decline in economic growth, and a rise in unemployment. It seems clear, therefore, that economic recovery should be a top priority for the new leadership in Tunisia and Egypt, as well as for the international community, which has a stake in a successful transition to democracy. The Arab revolutions provide an opportunity for the international community, particularly the United States, to revise its policies in support of Arab countries with a greater focus on supporting democracy, human rights, and inclusive economic growth. This roundtable will bring together economists and political activists from Egypt and Tunisia, as well as experts from bilateral and multilateral donor agencies to focus on three broad questions: What should governments and donors do to achieve macro-financial stabilization and avoid economic collapse? What measures can be taken to increase economic opportunities for youth and other disadvantaged groups, and to encourage job creation? Can we identify some “quick wins” in the area of good governance that could support inclusive and sustainable growth, particularly corruption control?

Rethinking the “Red Line”: The Intersection of Free Speech, Religious Freedom, and Social Change

CONVENERS

Asma Uddin and Haris Tarin

The issue of free speech, particularly freedom to speak about, criticize, or even reject religion, continues to be a contentious issue among Muslims, and between Muslims and non-Muslim compatriots, in the United States and in Muslim-majority countries. This working group will explore the reasons why free speech remains a controversial topic with changing contours and disputed boundaries, and how these disputes might be addressed and resolved. Using the Organization of Islamic Cooperation’s Defamation of Religions Resolution as a case study, the working group will look at different definitions of free speech, alternative standards governing limits on free speech, and how the gaps among competing standards might be bridged. The goal of the working group is to produce a policy memo and action initiative that will reflect culturally specific concerns and reconcile them.

Diplomacy and Religion: Seeking Common Interests and Engagement in a Dynamic World

CONVENERS

Allen Keiswetter and Bishop John Chane

This working group brings together diplomats, clerics, and scholars to explore how religious communities and leaders on the one hand, and diplomats on the other, can find common interests and ways of common engagement in tackling international problems. It seeks first to delineate the scope both religiously and diplomatically for cooperation on major foreign policy matters affecting the U.S. and Islamic world, and then to take up some specific issues for discussion: U.S.-Iran Relations on Nuclear Issues; Middle East Peace Negotiations; and Religion and U.S. Diplomacy in the Arab Transition States. While religious and diplomatic frameworks differ significantly, each recognizes the other's relevance to conflict resolution and human progress. How can these two approaches work together to better appreciate and incorporate the other perspective, to build common understandings of key concepts and of specific issues, and to engage in mutual endeavor to resolve pressing international problems? The group will explore options for such shared understanding and collaboration.

Advancing Women's Rights in Post-Conflict States: A Focus on Afghanistan, Egypt, and Libya

CONVENERS

Manal Omar, Hamid Khan, and Kathleen Kuehnast

Political transitions in states emerging from conflict pose challenges and offer opportunities. In the countries we will consider in this working group, there is a renewed emphasis on democracy (with its principle that all citizens are equal), but also on defining a role for Islam within the state. Efforts to incorporate Islamic religious concepts into the formal constitutions of Afghanistan, Egypt, and Libya have left important questions unresolved, especially regarding the rights of women. The challenge of fostering common approaches among Muslim women activists, members of the *ulama* (religious leaders) as well as legal advocates is daunting, yet finding common ground among such diverse stakeholders on women's rights in Muslim-majority states is critical to advancing democracy and human development. With this challenge in mind, the focus of this working group is to find consensus on ways to champion and sustain progress on women's rights amid renewed Islamic constitutionalism. By enlisting activists and religious leaders to draw on lessons learned and reason together, a more tailored approach may emerge based upon each nation's respective cultural, institutional and human development.

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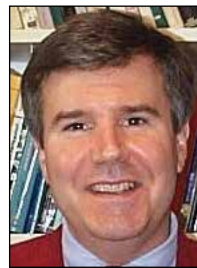
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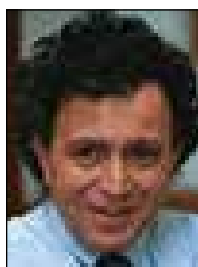
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To fulfill this mission, the Project sponsors a range of activities, research projects, and publications designed to educate, encourage frank dialogue, and build positive partnerships between the United States and Muslim states and communities around the world. The broader goals of the Project include:

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- Analyzing the social, economic and political dynamics underway in Muslim states and communities around the world;
- Identifying areas for shared endeavors between the United States and Muslim communities around the world on issues of common concern.

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- The U.S.-Islamic World Forum, which brings together key leaders in politics, business, media,

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