

2013

Middle East Program Year in Review



Middle East Program
Events, Meetings & Publications in 2013
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Middle East Program Activities 2013

Publications

Occasional Papers

- ❖ [“Iraq Ten Years Later: A Different Country in a Different Region,”](#) Marina Ottaway (Spring 2013)
- ❖ [“Can International Human Rights Norms Secure Women’s Rights in the Region?”](#) Various Authors (Fall 2013)

Viewpoints Series

- ❖ [“Reflections on the Adoption of UNGA Resolution Banning Female Genital Mutilation,”](#) Moushira Khattab (No. 13, January 2013)
- ❖ [“In 2013, Rise of the Right in Elections Across the Mideast,”](#) Robin Wright (No. 14, January 2013)
- ❖ [“Women’s Rights Under Egypt’s Constitutional Disarray,”](#) Moushira Khattab (No. 15, January 2013)
- ❖ [“Repressions Diminishing Returns: The Future of Politics in Egypt,”](#) Joshua Stacher (No. 16, January 2013)
- ❖ [“Mali: The Time for Dithering is Over,”](#) David Ottaway (No. 17, January 2013)
- ❖ [“Iran’s Pivotal Presidential Election,”](#) Shaul Bakhash (No. 18, January 2013)
- ❖ [“Young Saudis and the Kingdom’s Political Future,”](#) Caryle Murphy (No. 19, February 2013)
- ❖ [“Sanctions and Medical Supply Shortages in Iran,”](#) Siamak Namazi (No. 20, February 2013)
- ❖ [“The Nuclear Issue: Why is Iran Negotiating?”](#) Bijan Khajepour, Alireza Nader, Michael Adler (No. 21, February 2013)
- ❖ [“The Syrian Refugee Crisis is Pushing Lebanon to the Brink,”](#) Amal Mudallali (No. 22, February 2013)
- ❖ [“The Resistible Rise of Islamist Parties,”](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 23, February 2013)
- ❖ [“As Islamists stumble in Egypt and Tunisia, the Arab Spring turns wintery,”](#) Adeed Dawisha (No. 24, March 2013)
- ❖ [“Violence Unsettles Tunisia’s Democratic Transition,”](#) David Ottaway (No. 25, April 2013)
- ❖ [“Learning Politics in Tunisia,”](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 26, April 2013)
- ❖ [“Morocco: ‘Advanced Decentralization’ Meets the Sahara Autonomy Initiative,”](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 27, May 2013)
- ❖ [“Rouhani’s Surprising Election,”](#) Shaul Bakhash (No. 28, June 2013)
- ❖ [“Lebanon’s Existential Threats,”](#) Amal Mudallali (No. 29, June 2013)
- ❖ [“The Domestic and Foreign Policy Challenges of the New Iranian President, Hassan Rouhani,”](#) Various Authors (No. 30, June 2013)
- ❖ [“Egypt: Islamist Ascent, Islamist Descent,”](#) Haleh Esfandiari (No. 31, July 2013)
- ❖ [“Mohamed ElBaradei From Vienna to Cairo: A Transition,”](#) Michael Adler (No. 32, July 2013)
- ❖ [“Can Rouhani Resolve Iran’s Economic Conundrum?”](#) Bijan Khajepour (No. 33, July 2013)



- ❖ [“Hizbullah’s Roll of the Dice in South Lebanon,”](#) Amal Mudallali (No. 34, August 2013)
- ❖ [“Iran and Syria at the Crossroads: The Fall of the Tehran-Damascus Axis?”](#) Jubin Goodarzi (No. 35, August 2013)
- ❖ [“Upcoming UN Meeting Revives Hopes for U.S.-Iran Dialogue,”](#) Barbara Slavin (No. 36, September 2013)
- ❖ [“Back to the Drawing Boards,”](#) Nathan J. Brown (No. 37, September 2013)
- ❖ [“The U.S. Administration’s Policy in Iraq,”](#) Joseph Sassoon (No. 38, September 2013)
- ❖ [“American Policy in Lebanon: Stability Through Discussion,”](#) Amal Mudallali (No. 39, September 2013)
- ❖ [“Iran’s Rouhani Puts U.S.-Saudi Ties to the Test,”](#) David Ottaway (No. 40, October 2013)
- ❖ [“U.S. Policy Towards Syria: Making the Best of a Bad Situation?”](#) Mark N. Katz (No. 41, October 2013)
- ❖ [“American Policy in the Maghreb: Counterterrorism is Not Enough,”](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 42, October 2013)
- ❖ [“Tunisia’s Islamist-Led Democracy Founders,”](#) David Ottaway (No. 43, October 2013)
- ❖ [“Confrontation Over Iran’s Nuclear Program,”](#) Michael Adler (No. 44, November 2013)
- ❖ [“Breaking Taboos,”](#) Haleh Esfandiari (No. 45, November 2013)
- ❖ [“Iraq’s Kurdistan Takes a Giant Step Toward Independence,”](#) David Ottaway (No. 46, December 2013)
- ❖ [“The Egyptian Constitution: Mapping Where Power Lies,”](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 47, December 2013)
- ❖ [“A Dream Constitution,”](#) Moushira Khattab (No. 48, December 2013)

Wilson Center-USIP Publication Series

- ❖ [“Global Authoritarians and the Arab Spring: New Challenges for U.S. Diplomacy,”](#) Daniel Brumberg and Steven Heydemann
- ❖ [“Arab Perspectives on Iran’s Role in a Changing Middle East,”](#) Shibley Telhami
- ❖ [“Arab Uprisings and Mass Politics: Possibilities, Constraints, and Uncertainty,”](#) Laurie Brand
- ❖ [“The Bread Revolutions of 2011 and the Political Economies of Transition,”](#) Pete Moore
- ❖ [“Has the Arab Spring Produced a Chasm between the Revolutionary and Status Quo Countries in the Arab World?”](#) Adeed Dawisha

Other Publications

- ❖ [“Challenges to Women’s Security in the MENA Region,”](#) Various Authors (March 8, 2013)

Meetings and Events

January

- ❖ January 8: [Looking Back, Looking Forward: Gender Integration and Women's Empowerment at USAID](#), with USAID
- ❖ January 9: [Pathways to Peace: America and the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#)
- ❖ January 14: [A Kingdom's Future: Saudi Arabia Through the Eyes of its Twentysomethings](#)
- ❖ January 24: [A Proposal for the Resolution of the Iranian Nuclear Standoff](#), with International Security Studies
- ❖ January 29: [Global Authoritarians and the Arab Spring: New Challenges for U.S. Diplomacy](#), with USIP
- ❖ January 29: [The Nuclear Issue: Why is Iran Negotiating?](#)

February

- ❖ February 8: [Sanctions and Medical Supply Shortages in Iran](#)
- ❖ February 14: [Demographic Timebomb? People Power and the Future of Israel as a Jewish State](#), with the Environmental Change and Security Program
- ❖ February 21: [Arab Perspectives on Iran's Role in a Changing Middle East](#), with USIP
- ❖ February 27: [The Resistible Rise of the Islamists?](#)

March

- ❖ March 4: [Unwilling to Wait: Why Activists are Taking the Initiative on the Peace Process](#), with OneVoice

- ❖ March 7: [Challenges to Women's Security in the MENA Region](#), with Global Women's Leadership Initiative
- ❖ March 8: [The Arab Awakening: Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead](#)
- ❖ March 13: [Causes and Consequences of Post-Conflict Violence: Examining Gender Dimensions](#), with USAID
- ❖ March 14: [The Democratic Transition in Tunisia](#)
- ❖ March 27: [Petro-Aggression: When Oil Causes War](#), with Environmental Change and Security Program, and Africa Program
- ❖ March 29: [Arab Uprisings and Mass Politics: Constraints, Change, Uncertainty](#), with USIP

April

- ❖ April 10: [Egypt: A U.S. Dilemma](#)
- ❖ April 11: [The Way of the Knife: The CIA, a Secret Army, and a War at the Ends of the Earth](#), with Asia Program, International Security Studies, and Africa Program
- ❖ April 12: [Israel's New Government: New Faces, Same Policies?](#)
- ❖ April 15: [A Conversation with Sarkis Naoum](#)
- ❖ April 17: [The Second Arab Awakening: Revolution, Democracy and the Islamist Challenge from Tunis to Damascus](#)

Meetings and Events, continued

- ❖ April 18: [*The Impact of Violence Against Women on Maternal Health, with Global Health Initiative*](#), with Global Sustainability and Resilience Program, and Environmental Change and Security Program
- ❖ April 23: [*Justice Interrupted: The Struggle for Constitutional Government in the Middle East*](#)
- ❖ April 23: [*How Turkey's Islamists Fell out of love with Iran: The Near Future of Turkish-Iranian Relations*](#), with Global Europe Program
- ❖ April 26: [*Opposition Strategies in Egypt*](#)
- ❖ April 29: [*The Media & Iran's Nuclear Program: An analysis of U.S. and U.K. coverage, 2009-2012, with*](#) Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM)
- ❖ April 30: [*The Bread Revolutions of 2011 and the Political Economies of Transition*](#), with UISP

May

- ❖ May 6: [*Where is the Cultural Revolution in Egypt Headed?*](#)
- ❖ May 15: [*Getting to a Two State Solution: A Regional Perspective*](#)
- ❖ May 22: [*Syria's Humanitarian Crisis: A Briefing by Marianne Gasser*](#)
- ❖ May 23: [*Iran: The Battle for the Presidency*](#)
- ❖ May 24: [*Egypt: Political Challenges for the Youth Movement*](#)

June

- ❖ June 3: [*YaLa Young Leaders: A Palestinian and Israeli Discuss the Future*](#)
- ❖ June 4: [*The View from Israel: A Conversation with former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert*](#)
- ❖ June 5: [*The Arab Spring in Comparative Perspective*](#), with Global Europe Program and Mexico Institute
- ❖ June 6: [*Getting it Wrong: American Misperceptions of the Middle East*](#)
- ❖ June 12: [*Reform, Revolution or Status Quo? Regional Dynamics in a Changing Arab World*](#), with USIP
- ❖ June 17: [*The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East*](#)
- ❖ June 24: [*Afghanistan Beyond the Headlines: Women, Youth, and War*](#), with Environmental Change and Security Program, Asia Program, Global Health Initiative, and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program
- ❖ June 28: [*Iran and Syria at the Crossroads*](#)

July

- ❖ July 10: [*Can International Human Rights Norms Secure Women's Rights in the MENA Region?*](#) with Global Women's Leadership Initiative, Environmental Change and Security Program, and Global Health Initiative
- ❖ July 22: [*Rouhani: Challenges at Home, Challenges Abroad*](#)

Meetings and Events, continued

- ❖ July 24: [The 1953 Coup 60 Years On: A Symposium](#), with History and Public Policy Program
- ❖ July 25: [Hezbollah's Interests in Syria](#)

September

- ❖ September 12: [Harvesting Peace: Food Security, Conflict, and Cooperation \(Report Launch\)](#), with Environmental Change and Security Program, Africa Program, Asia Program, and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program
- ❖ September 12: [U.S.-Iran Reconciliation Under President Rouhani?](#) (held at Atlantic Council)
- ❖ September 16: [Is Egypt on the Right Path? A Conversation with Egyptian Policymakers](#)
- ❖ September 23: [Peace and War: The View from Israel](#)
- ❖ September 24: [Egypt's Predicament after Two Revolutions](#)
- ❖ September 25: [Iraq: 2014 and Beyond](#)
- ❖ September 27: [Challenges of Chemical Weapons Disarmament in Syria](#)

October

- ❖ October 2: [An Assessment of Rouhani's Visit to New York](#)
- ❖ October 3: [Women, Business and the Law 2014: Removing Restrictions to Enhance Gender Equality](#), with Global Women's Leadership Initiative, and Global Europe Program

- ❖ October 15: [Addressing Violence Against Women in the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#), with Global Women's Leadership Initiative, and Asia Program
- ❖ October 18: [MENA Women in the Reformist Process: A Retrospective](#), with Global Women's Leadership Initiative
- ❖ October 28: [One Hundred Victories: Special Ops and the Future of American Warfare](#), with Asia Program
- ❖ October 29: [Humanitarian Crisis: Impact of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon](#), with American Task Force for Lebanon

November

- ❖ November 1: [On the Nuclear Watch: Director General Yukiya Amano Talks About the IAEA and its Mission](#)
- ❖ November 6: [Resolving Regional Conflicts: The Western Sahara and the Quest for a Durable Solution](#), with the Africa Program
- ❖ November 15: [Egypt in Crisis](#)
- ❖ November 20: [The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Middle East in the Classroom](#), with Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University

December

- ❖ December 13: [Sanctions Relief: Iran's Economic and Monetary Policy Options: Could Iran's Policies of the 60s and 70s be a Guide or a Lesson?](#)