

# INVITATION TO UNIVERSITY-WIDE MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

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## SOCIO-POLITICAL UPHEAVALS AND (TRANS-) FORMATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The aim of this presentation is to share with the audience the conceptual framework of a research project on the socio-political upheavals and (trans-)formations in the Middle East and North Africa. Analytically, it attempts to investigate the underlying mechanisms of the recent upheavals and (trans-)formations in the region (such as possible political regime changes) by integrating the impact of non-discursive factors (i.e. global capitalist economy) to discursive factors (i.e. the dominant view of international and national intellectuals, executive orientations, political will of the agents, the perceived causes of socio-economic crises) and suggest better ways to explain them. Empirically, it aims to examine four case studies (Egypt, Tunisia, Iran and Bahrain) to understand under what conditions and for which motives social-political upheavals occur, lead into (trans-) formations and succeed or fail reaching their aims.

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All are welcome

