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The
Arab Spring and
Constitutionalism
in the **Middle East**



Roundtable Discussions: Invitation
November 17th and 18th 2012, New York, New York

The purpose of these roundtable discussions is to facilitate constructive discourse about key constitutional issues such as the balance of powers, the role of religion and gender equality between Arab officials who are active in the constituent process, with experts and high officials from the Western world. Honest reflection and the exploration of new ideas will assist Arab countries in building their newly founded States, while challenging the Western world to reconsider its established constitutions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Ayman Nour

*Deputy Secretary-General of the
Egyptian Constituent Assembly*

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (invited)

*Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives*

VENUE

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PROGRAM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

9:00 am - 9:45 am	Registration
9:45 am - 10 am	Welcoming Remarks Mr. Michael M. Martin , Dean of Fordham Law School and Distinguished Professor of Law Mr. Joaquín Durán Garach , Director of the Euro Arab Institute Foundation
10 am - 11 am	Opening session: Dr. Ayman Nour , Deputy Secretary General of the Egyptian Constituent Assembly and Chairman of the Ghad El-Thawra Party
11 am - 12:30 pm	Constitutional design Moroccan Constitutional Reform: Dynamics, Actors and Outcomes: Driss El Yazami How Should a Constitution Account for Politics and Culture in the Middle East?: Dr. Ghazi Gherairi Comparative Constitutional Law: Ruti Teitel, J.D. Moderator: Dr. Anouar Majid
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch Break
2:30 pm - 4 pm	Constitutional Provisions Relating to the Structure of the State Separation of Powers and Governance Issues Rule of Law in the Arab World: H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna Separation of Powers and Foreign Relations in the Context of Institutional Reform: Martin Flaherty, J.D. Establishing and Maintaining Political Parties : Dr. Ayman Nour Moderator: Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Esq
4 pm - 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Controversial Subjects that a Constitution Needs to Address Control of Natural Resources for the Public Good: Nestor Davidson, J.D. Religion and the State: Dr. Anouar Majid Egypt, from Mafia State to a Real Democratic Constitutional Regime: H.E. Dr. Abdallah Al Ashaal Moderator: Elizabeth Defeis, J.D.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

10 am- 12 pm	Constitutional Provisions Relating to Individual Rights Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: H.E. Dr. Huda Alban Protecting Minority Groups: Sahar Aziz, J.D. Gender Equality and Constitutions: a Global Perspective on Political Participation: Begoña Lasagabaster Freedom of Political Speech and Assembly: Dr. Ghazi Gherairi Moderator: Omar Mohammedi, Esq
12 pm - 01 pm	Closing Remarks The Honorable Mohamed T. Khairullah , Mayor of Prospect Park, New Jersey

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H.E. Dr. Huda Alban

Former Yemeni Minister of Human Rights, 2007-2011

H.E. Dr. Abdallah Al Ashaal

Lawyer, Diplomat, Former Egyptian Presidential Candidate

H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna

Former Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the U.S.,
Member, UN International Law Commission

Dr. Anouar Majid

Associate Provost of the University of New England; Renowned
Author on Arab/U.S. Relations

Dr. Ghazi Gherairi

Secretary General, International Academy of Constitutional Law
Former Spokesman of Tunisia's High Commission for the Realization
of Revolution Objectives, Political Reform and Democratic Transition

Dr. Ayman Nour

Founder and Chairman of the Ghad El-Thawra Party, Deputy Secretary
General of the Egyptian Constituent Assembly

The Honorable Mohamed T. Khairullah

Mayor of Prospect Park, New Jersey

Driss El Yazami

President, National Council of Human Rights of Morocco

Martin Flaherty

J.D., Professor, Fordham Law School, Co-Director, Leitner Center for
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Ruti G. Teitel

J.D., Professor, New York Law School, Co-Director, Institute for
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Sahar Aziz

J.D., Associate Professor, Texas Wesleyan School of Law

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Omar Mohammedi, Esq. (moderator)

Managing Partner, the Law Firm of Omar Mohammedi, LLC, New York

Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Esq. (moderator)

Founder and President of Sunsglow, New York

Elizabeth Defeis, J.D. (moderator)

Professor, Seton Hall Law School, Director, Albert Einstein Institution

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