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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 ninth 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. After a successful Forum convened for the first time in Washington, D.C. last year, we are pleased to be back in Doha.

Last year, we met in the midst of the “Arab Awakening”—the dramatic changes that continue to transform the Middle East and North Africa. From Tunisia to Egypt to Yemen, ordinary citizens have made possible extraordinary political and social changes. This year, we examine the impact of, and continuing challenges posed by, these changes, not just for the Arab world, but also for Muslim communities around the globe, including in South and Southeast Asia—as well as their strategic implications for the United States.

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

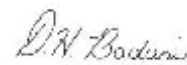
- A series of **keynote remarks** at our opening gala dinner from world leaders on the challenges confronting Muslim communities around the globe and their relations with the United States;
- Webcast **plenary sessions** that are fast-paced, in-depth discussions among prominent international figures on broad thematic issues: political, social, and geostrategic change in the Muslim world;
- **Featured sessions** focused on key issues: the 2012 U.S. presidential election and the role of arts and culture in social change;
- A set of four small **working groups** that bring together practitioners from specific fields to develop practical partnerships and policy recommendations.
- **“The Long Conversation,”** a new signature event of the Forum, in which all participants will be invited to take part in an off-the-record, town hall-format discussion on the relationship between the citizen, religion, and the state.

We are grateful to the Emir for his leadership and generosity in enabling us to come together for these three days of thoughtful and candid discussion. We would also like to thank the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim 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 entire staff for their support.

Thank you for joining us and we look forward to our discussions.



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Your Stay for the 2012 U.S.-Islamic World Forum



Welcome to the 2012 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:

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.

Transportation will also be provided from the Ritz-Carlton to the off-site dinner on Wednesday, May 30th. For special needs, participants may also request a private car through the concierge desk.

Hotel Stay:

We are pleased to provide you with a complimentary room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the nights of May 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st. 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 May 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, 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.

We are delighted you are able to join us for the ninth annual U.S.-Islamic World Forum, and wish you a pleasant stay.



PLENARY SESSIONS



DATE	SESSION	LOCATION
Tuesday, May 29	<p>Political Change: The Dynamics of Domestic Transformations</p> <p>MODERATOR: Salman Shaikh, <i>Fellow and Director, Brookings Doha Center, QATAR</i></p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>Hossam Bahgat, <i>Founder and Director, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, EGYPT</i></p> <p>Anies Baswedan, <i>Rector, Paramadina University, INDONESIA</i></p> <p>Saeb Erekat, <i>Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Liberation Organization, PALESTINE</i></p> <p>Rached Ghannouchi, <i>Co-Founder, Ennahdha, TUNISIA</i></p> <p>Farah Pandith, <i>Special Representative to Muslim Communities, U.S. Department of State, UNITED STATES</i></p> <p>This plenary session will examine the ongoing political changes reverberating throughout the Arab world and beyond. Some countries, like Tunisia and Egypt, have begun transitions toward democratic rule, while others, like Syria, are experiencing violent repression and potential civil war, and still others are trying to implement political reforms. What is the nature of the change underway in many Arab countries? Are these political transformations likely to endure and spread or subside? How are they similar or different from changes that have taken place in other Muslim-majority countries, like Indonesia, and what are the lessons that can be learned from the experiences of such countries?</p>	AL WOSAIL BALLROOM

DATE	SESSION	LOCATION
Wednesday, May 30	Social Change: The Power of Non-State Actors MODERATOR: <i>Stephen R. Grand, Fellow and Director, Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings, UNITED STATES</i> PANELISTS: <i>Zainah Anwar, Founder, Sisters in Islam; Director, Musawah, MALAYSIA</i> <i>Tawakkol Karman, Activist and 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, YEMEN</i> <i>Rami Nashashibi, Executive Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network, UNITED STATES</i> <i>Iqbal Noor Ali, Senior Advisor, Aga Khan Development Network, UNITED STATES</i> Political instability, extremism, and violence tend to dominate the news, but there are numerous innovative civic and philanthropic initiatives taking place in Muslim communities around the world that warrant greater attention. From large-scale charitable organizations seeking to help those in need, to independent artists and writers who are challenging the status quo, to civic groups and entrepreneurs who are taking the initiative to address problems in their own communities, there is a tremendous amount of dynamism within many of these societies. Who are the people driving change at the societal level? How are they doing it? What kinds of challenges are they facing as they seek to effect change? What are likely to be the long-term consequences of their actions?	AL WOSAIL BALLROOM
Thursday May 31	Strategic Change: New Geopolitical Challenges MODERATOR: <i>Martin Indyk, Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy at Brookings, UNITED STATES</i> PANELISTS: <i>Endy Bayuni, Senior Editor, the Jakarta Post, INDONESIA</i> <i>Nabil Fahmy, Dean, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, American University in Cairo, EGYPT</i> <i>Colin Kahl, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security, UNITED STATES</i> <i>Kori Schake, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, UNITED STATES</i> Dramatic political changes have taken place in North Africa and the Middle East, China and India are on the rise, instability continues to plague Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Iran's neighbors have sought to counter its rising influence. How will all of these factors affect the geopolitics of the Muslim world? What impact will the rise of Asia and a United States that is more resource-constrained have? What are the major geopolitical challenges on the horizon? In particular, how will the violence in Syria have an effect on the country's neighbors and the geopolitical tensions in the region? What are the prospects that Israeli-Palestinian peace talks will resume in the near future? And how will current tensions over the appropriate course of action toward Iran play out?	AL WOSAIL BALLROOM

FEATURED SESSIONS



DATE	SESSION	LOCATION
Wednesday, May 30	<p>Arts and Culture Panel</p> <p>MODERATOR: Cynthia Schneider, <i>Nonresident Senior Fellow, Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings</i>, UNITED STATES</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>Khaled Abol Naga, <i>Actor, Producer, and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador</i>, EGYPT</p> <p>Naif Al-Mutawa, <i>Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Teshkeel Media Group; Creator, THE 99</i>, KUWAIT</p> <p>Nashwa Al Ruwaini, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Pyramedia Productions</i>, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</p> <p>Saad Mohseni, <i>Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MOBY Group</i>, AFGHANISTAN</p> <p>Walter Parkes, <i>Film Producer and Writer, Parkes/MacDonald Productions</i>, UNITED STATES</p> <p>Recent years have seen significant shifts in the role of arts and culture in daily life. Independent and new media have replaced traditional engines of culture, just as traditional mediums of art are replaced by new, dynamic, and, increasingly, ephemeral ones. The arts continue to serve as a mirror of societal changes and, often, as a harbinger of problems to come, which is why they have assumed a growing relevance in foreign policy. This panel will highlight the forces inspiring and shaping cultural development across the Muslim world. How are creative outlets evolving? What role can these outlets play in bridging regional, national, and cultural divisions? How can arts and culture be used to promote social change and government accountability? What is the role of the artist in shaping cultural development and political change in the Muslim world?</p>	AL WOSAIL BALLROOM

DATE	SESSION	LOCATION
Thursday May 31	2012 U.S. Presidential Election Panel MODERATOR: Michael Doran, <i>Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings</i> , UNITED STATES PANELISTS: William A. Galston, <i>Ezra Zilkha Chair, Governance Studies at Brookings</i> , UNITED STATES Dalia Mogahed, <i>Executive Director and Senior Analyst, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies</i> , UNITED STATES Shibley Telhami, <i>Nonresident Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings; Anwar Sadat Chair, University of Maryland</i> , UNITED STATES <p>The upcoming 2012 U.S. presidential election stands to influence the course of American foreign policy and, with it, international politics. Although the election will be dominated by domestic economic issues, the candidates' foreign policy views and their perspectives on how the United States should engage with the rest of the world, including Muslim-majority countries and communities, will undoubtedly influence the decisions of voters. This session will examine the key differences between the candidates in their foreign policies—particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the violence in Syria, democracy assistance in transitioning countries, and diplomatic engagement with other Muslim-majority countries. Panelists will also focus on Muslim and Arab public opinion, both in the United States and in Muslim-majority countries, toward the candidates and their policies.</p>	AL WOSAIL BALLROOM

THE LONG CONVERSATION

Religion and Political Civility

Wednesday, May 30

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This year's signature event, "The Long Conversation," is an effort to explore the dynamic relationship between citizen, religion, and the state in a changing world. The town hall-format of the event will allow for a discussion among all forum participants. The conversation will focus on the role of religious authority and institutions in politics, the role of the state in defining and implementing religious laws and moral values, and the role of faith-based societal actors in shaping public affairs and inculcating civic values. As some societies in the Arab world are revising their basic political rules and shaping new state institutions, questions regarding the role of religion in public affairs have come to the fore. What is the appropriate relationship between the state and religious institutions and other faith-based actors, particularly in diverse societies? How can the full rights of all citizens be ensured and who has the authority to determine the boundaries of citizenship? Given the importance to many of religion and religious values as the fundamental basis for determining right from wrong, what are the respective roles of the state and religious institutions in shaping, implementing, and enforcing both religious norms and secular affairs? Who is authorized to define and speak on behalf of religion?



WORKING GROUPS



Democratic Transitions

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Salman Shaikh and Shadi Hamid

Brookings Doha Center

Convened by the Brookings Doha Center, this working group will address the emerging tensions that threaten prospects for successful democratic transitions, with a focus on Egypt, Tunisia, and Libya. These countries are facing growing ideological polarization and severe economic challenges. The working group will discuss the extent to which the transitions in these three countries are comparable, what lessons can be learned, and the necessary steps to ensure smooth transitions. This group will bring together Arab activists and leaders along with U.S. and European officials to discuss the appropriate role for the international community in supporting democratic transitions.

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Water Security in the Middle East and North Africa

CONVENERS

Syed Iqbal Hasnain, David Michel, and Amit Pandya

Convened with support from the Stimson Center, this interdisciplinary working group will comprise experts in water science, policy, and related disciplines. The group will seek to improve understanding of water issues in the Middle East and North Africa, build stronger cooperative relationships, and identify intellectual and technical resources (such as data, modeling and remote sensing tools, best practices, policy approaches, and institutional insights) that could be adapted, applied, or shared across the region.

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Developing New Mechanisms to Promote the Muslim Charitable Sector

CONVENERS

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Zakat (charity) is one of the pillars of Islam and an important expression of religious faith for Muslims worldwide. In pursuing important anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering objectives, the United States and many other governments have implemented aggressive law enforcement programs to investigate, sanction, and prosecute organizations suspected of disbursing funds for illegal purposes—including, in some cases, charitable organizations. During the past decade, several highly publicized government investigations and international counterterrorism efforts have resulted in a chilling effect on well-intentioned donor activity within the charitable sector and among Muslim-focused charities in particular. President Barack Obama acknowledged this problem specifically in his 2009 speech in Cairo, Egypt. This working group will convene key stakeholders to consider this new challenge to philanthropic giving and to develop practical solutions. Among other possible solutions, the group will examine the feasibility of a newly established, independent organization dedicated to evaluating Muslim charities and charities operating in Muslim-majority countries, with the objective of contributing to donor confidence and thereby promoting the success of this charitable sector.

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Compassion: An Urgent Global Imperative

CONVENER

Karen Armstrong
The Charter for Compassion

Compassion is a core value of religious life—it requires us to treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. For a more peaceful, stable, and viable world, many religious scholars and activists agree that it is essential to try to implement this ethic globally so that we live together in greater harmony and respect. Because of their long commitment to compassion, the religious traditions, often seen as part of today's problems, should be making a major contribution to the building of a just global community, surely one of the chief tasks of our time. This working group will try to find a creative, realistic, and practical way of making the compassionate voice of religion not only audible but a dynamic force in our polarized world.

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Khaled Abol Naga is an actor, producer, and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Since his debut in 2001, Naga has received numerous acting awards, both locally and internationally, and has attended and served as a jury member at a variety of international film festivals. In 2007, North American audiences and critics praised his role in "Civic Duty." Naga produced "Microphone" in 2010 and "Heliopolis" in 2009, and is now co-producing and directing "Tahrir el Tahrir," a film project focusing on the Egyptian revolution. He heads TEAM Cairo, a new filmmaking movement emerging in the Middle East region. At the Cannes Film Festival in 2011, TEAM Cairo, along with other leading independent Arab filmmakers, announced Pa-

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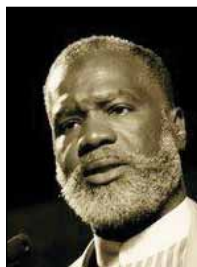
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