



THE ARAB UPRISING - THE END OF AUTHORITARIANISM?

Invitation to the second conference (out of a series of 12) organized by **“Europeanization and Globalization”**, The Department of Culture and Identity, Roskilde University. The conference focusing upon the transformations and changes, that some parts of the Arab world undergo at the moment.

When? The 13th of October 13.00 – 17.00

Where? The Department of Society and Globalization, Roskilde University building 25, auditorium 25.2 <http://www.ruc.dk/en/about-the-university/directions-to-ru/map-over-ru/>

For many years, the Arab world has looked as a region, which is not ripe for freedom and democracy. Suddenly, a strong wind of change swept most of the region. First fell the unpopular regime in Tunisia. Soon after, the protesters from the Tahrir Square forced the Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak to resign. The popular uprising in Libya led to a month long civil war with many casualties. The strong repression of the Syrian regime has stressed that some Arab dictatorships are not willing to listen to the voice of the people and resign.

What are the social forces laying beyond the dramatic changes in the Arab world? Is it of a new generation of well-educated youth? Are the uprisings the result of the expansion of new forms of communications such as twitter and the Internet? Are we witnessing a new era of a strong civil society and popular involvement in the rule of the Arab countries? The seminar will address these issues....

Program:

13.00 – 14.00: Paul Salem

14.00 – 15.00: Jørgen Bæk Simonsen

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30: Torben Due

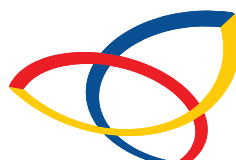
16.30 – 17.00: Wrap up

Moderator: Professor Gorm Rye Olsen, Head of Department of Society and Globalization, Roskilde University

The conference is free of charge, and you register by sending an email to: brobeck@ruc.dk



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About our guest speakers:

Paul Salem:

Ph.D., Director of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, Lebanon. Salem is the author of a number of books and article on the Middle East and he writes regularly in the Arab press.

Jørgen Bæk Simonsen:

Dr. Phil. Professor in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at University of Copenhagen. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Islam and on politics, and religion in the Arab World.

Torben Due:

Executive Director in the The UN's World Food Program, Rome. Torben Due has been resident representative for the WFP in Iraq and has organized the international emergency assistance to Libya during the civil war.

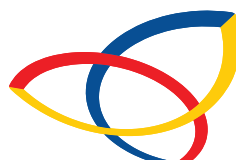
Europeanization and Globalization is a cross-border cooperation between Department of Culture and Identity & Department of Society and Globalization, Roskilde University and Department of Global political studies & Department of Language, Migration and Society, Malmö University. The aim of the cooperation is to develop a field of knowledge that focus on the inner life of the Oresund region, and the international position of the region. The purpose with this partnership is to focus on the processes (Europeanization and globalization) that creates pressure for change both locally, regionally, nationally and supranational.

The researchers from the Danish and Swedish research environment that is the foundation of this field of knowledge, will broadly examine the issues and themes that both the cross-border and the national processes of change currently undergoing. In addition to this, international expertise will be invited to each seminar to discuss issues from a global perspective.

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