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Thursday 9 April 2015 New Law School, Seminar Room 342

Event	Time	Paper and Presenter
Symposium Welcome	9.15 – 9.30	Lily Z. Rahim & Lucia Sorbera , Co-Conveners, University of Sydney Simon Tormey , Head, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Sydney
Plenary Session Islamists and Democratisation: Tunisia and Beyond	9.30 – 10.30	Chair: John Esposito, Georgetown University Larbi Sadiki, University of Qatar Nahda's Democratic Learning Curve: Islamists and Democratisation in Tunisia
Comparative Democratic Trajectories	10.30 – 12.15	Chair: Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney Ala'a Shehabi, Bahrain Watch Shifting Contours of Activism and Possibilities for Justice in Bahrain Mostafa Shouman, University of Sydney Political Transition in Egypt and Tunisia: A Muddled Comparison Dominic Jarkey, Australian National University Symbolism and Strategic Effects in the 2011 Arab Uprisings Loretta Bolotin, University of Sydney Assessing the Political Moderation of the PKS: Has the Mask Become the Face?
Lunch 12.15 – 1.15		
Authoritarian Resilience	1.15 – 2.45	Chair: Shahram Akbarzadeh, Deakin University Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Tokyo Uni. of Foreign Studies Khomeinism: The Non-Obvious Constraints on Political Reform in Iran Naser Ghobadzadeh, Australian Catholic University Elections in a Theocracy: Democratisation or Authoritarian Resilience? James Barr, Deakin University Reform or Reinvention: Rouhani's Islamic Republic Paul Esber, University of Sydney Instituting Authoritarianism in the Wake of the Arab Spring

Security Perspectives and <i>Jihadi</i> Worldviews	2.45 – 4	Chair: Sarah Phillips, University of Sydney Gabriele Marranci, Macquarie University The Fasci(st)nation with Zealot Islam: Dreaming Death With Daesh Ansari Jainullaudeen, BasmalaAus and Uni. of NSW 'Oppressed' Muslims Rebelling against 'Oppressor' Non-Muslims? Mujib Abid, University of Sydney The Quest for Legitimacy in Afghanistan: Mujahidin and Insurgency
Tea Break 4 – 4.30		
Media Coverage	4.30 – 5.30	Chair: Larbi Sadiki, University of Qatar Letecia Anderson, University of Sydney Contending Visions of Turkey in the Western Media: Ally or Enemy? Zeinab Jasim Abdunabi, University of Sydney The Peace Journalism Model: Al-Jazeera's Coverage of Syria's Chemical Attack
Thursday Keynote Address/Public Lecture Eastern Avenue Lecture Theatre		
Welcome and Introduction	6.15 – 6.30	Lily Zubaidah Rahim, University of Sydney
Keynote Address	6.30 – 7.15	John Esposito, Georgetown University The Future of Islam, Democracy and Political Islam After the Arab Uprisings
Q & A	7.15 – 7.45	Chair: Lily Zubaidah Rahim, University of Sydney
Reception	7.45 – 8.45	

Friday 10 April 2014 New Law School, Seminar Room 342

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State Building, Religious Secularity and Islamist Politics	9.15 – 10.45	Chair: Letecia Anderson, University of Sydney Umut Azak, Okan University, Turkey Democracy and Secularism in Turkey: A Model for the Muslim World? Martin Kear, University of Sydney Spring in the Territories: Hamas and the Soft Authoritarianism of Gaza Ali Mamouri, Australian Catholic University Indigenous Secularism: Returning to Traditional <i>Shiism</i>
Citizenship Rights, Constitutionalism and Islam	10.45 – 12.15	Chair: Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney Gianluca Paolo Parolin, American University, Cairo The Buzz and Fuzz of Citizenship in North African Constitutions Fritz Siregar, University of New South Wales Political Parties and the Institutional Legitimacy of the Indonesian Constitutional Court Muhammad Khoirul Muqtafa, Deakin University The Phenomenon of <i>Banser Ansor</i> in Contemporary Indonesia Mahmood Pargoo, Australian Catholic University Jurists Toolbox: Strategies from Literary Reading of the Text
Lunch 12.15 – 1.15		
Whither the Egyptian Revolution?	1.15 – 2.45	Chair: May Telmissany, University of Ottawa Walid El Khachab, York University Popular Culture Reclaiming the Public Space: Resistance in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney Contentious Ideas of Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Egypt: Historical Challenges and New Visions in Feminist Activism Sara Verderi, American University, Cairo On Memorialisation of the 18 Days in the 2011 Egyptian Revolution Amro Ali, University of Sydney Despotism and the Unmaking of the Egyptian Citizen

Economic Governance and Sectarian Politics	2.45 – 4.15	Chair: Omid Tofighian, University of Sydney Dara Conduit, Monash University Economic Underpinnings of the Syrian Uprisings: Comparing Hama (1982) and Homs (2011) William Bullock, Australian National University Arab and Iranian Labour in a Changing Middle East William Gourley, Monash University The Kurdish Movement in Turkey, Syria and Iraq: The Kurds in a Post-Nationalist Middle East Lily Zubaidah Rahim, University of Sydney Be Careful of What You Wish For: Malaysia's Slide Towards Islamic Fundamentalism and Sectarian Governance
Tea break 4.15 – 4.30		
Plenary Session Electoral Integrity: Comparative Perspectives	4.30 – 5.30	Chair: John Esposito, Georgetown University Pippa Norris, University of Sydney/Harvard University Flawed and Failed Electoral Contests
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