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**From Political Activism to Democratic Change in the Arab World
May 12-13, 2011
Bechtel Conference Center, Stanford University**

Second Annual Conference
Program on Arab Reform and Democracy, Center on Democracy, Development, and
the Rule of Law (CDDRL) at Stanford University

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

8:30-9:00am WELCOME

9:00-9:45am Opening Speech

Activism in the Middle East: A Framework

Ellen Lust, Yale University

9:45-10:15am BREAK

10:15-12:15pm -Tunisia and Egypt

Chair: **Ellen Lust**, Yale University

Toward a Second Republic in Tunisia

Christopher Alexander, Davidson College

Political Activism of Everyday Life: Lessons from the Tunisian Revolution

Nabiha Jerad, Tunisia

Factors Leading to the Egyptian Revolution; Where are We Now?

Ahmed Salah, Egypt

Discussant: **Michele Dunne**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

12:15-1:15pm LUNCH

1:15-3:15pm - The Gulf

Chair: **Larry Diamond**, Stanford University

The 2011 Uprising in Bahrain and its Consequences on the Participative Institutions

Laurence Louër, Sciences Po

Activism in Bahrain and the Struggle for Reform

Maryam Alkhwaja, Bahrain Centre for Human Rights

Saudi Arabia: The Impossible Revolution?

Stéphane Lacroix, Sciences Po

Challenges to Realistic Political Reforms in Yemen

Munir Mawari, Yemen

3:15-3:45pm BREAK

3:45-5:15pm - Syria and Lebanon

Chair: **Lina Khatib**, Stanford University

Activism and the Orphan Reform in Lebanon.

Ziad Majed, American University of Paris

*Syria from Political Activism to Popular Uprising:
A Roadmap to Democracy*

Radwan Ziadeh, George Washington University

Discussant: **Daniel Brumberg**, Georgetown University

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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

9:00-10:30 am - Palestine

Chair: **Khalil Barhoum**, Stanford University

Pretending Palestine is Normal

Nathan Brown, George Washington University

*Palestine: The Non-violent Popular Struggle for Freedom and
the Future of Democracy*

Mustafa Barghouthi, MP, Palestine

10:30-11:00am BREAK

11:00-1:00pm - Jordan and Morocco

Chair: **Hicham Ben Abdallah**, Stanford University

*A Decade of Struggling Reform Efforts in Jordan: The Resilience
of the Rentier System*

Marwan Muasher, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

*Assessing Current Public Perceptions of Political Activism
Development in Jordan*

Amer Bani Amer, Al-Hayat Center for Civil Society Development

Morocco: Activist Revival vs. Autocratic Resilience

Ahmed Benchemsi, Stanford University

Discussant: **Sean Yom**, Temple University

1:00-2:00pm LUNCH

2:00-4:00pm - Concluding Roundtable Discussion and Reflections

Chair: **Larry Diamond**, Stanford University