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Ambassador Marwan Muasher

“The Arab Awakening: One Year On”

ABSTRACT

As the romantic notions that the current Arab uprisings will lead to instantaneous spread of democratic cultures give way to reality, what needs to take place to ensure indeed that a process will emerge, which if not linear, will at least end up achieving the dreams that Arabs have for a better Arab world where more attention is given to build pluralistic societies? What is the future Islam, and how should the West deal with these movements that are willing a plurality of seats in elections held recently in the region? Which countries have the best chances of success so far, which ones are struggling, and why? How can the Arab world build an institutional culture that promotes diversity, tolerance and pluralism? And what effects do the Arab uprisings have on the Arab-Israeli conflict? All these questions will be addressed in an attempt to analyze the historical transformations the region is going through one year on.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Ambassador Marwan Muasher is vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment, where he oversees the Endowment’s research in Washington and Beirut on the Middle East. Muasher has served as Ambassador (1997-2002), Foreign Minister (2002-2004) and Deputy Prime Minister (2004-2005) of Jordan, and his career has spanned the areas of diplomacy, development, civil society, and communications. Muasher received his BS, MS and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University in electrical engineering. He also received an honorary doctorate from Purdue in 1999.

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