Constitutional Transformations in the Arab World following the Arab Spring: Comparative Models

Bologna, 7th – 8th February 2013

Thursday, February 7, 2013

9:00-9:30 Opening Remarks
Mohamed Y. Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, D.C., U.S.
Erik Jones, Director of European Studies, Johns Hopkins University SAIS; Director of the Bologna Institute for Policy Research, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center, Italy
Justin Frosini, Director, CCSDD-Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development, Bologna, Italy

9:30-10:30 Actors and Factors in Constitutional Transitions in North Africa: Morocco and Libya
Chair: Justin Frosini, Director, CCSDD-Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development, Bologna, Italy
The King, the Reforms and the 2011 Constitution. A Democratic Transition in Morocco?
Francesco Biagi, Research Fellow, Comparative Public Law, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy
The Libyan Revolution and the State of the Transition Process after Two Years
Karim Mezran, Senior Fellow, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council; Adjunct Professor of Middle East and North African Studies, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, D.C., U.S.

11:00-12:00 Actors and Factors in Constitutional Transitions in North Africa: Egypt and Tunisia
Chair: Raffaella Del Sarto, Director of the BORDERLANDS Project (ERC), Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Fiesole, Florence; Adjunct Professor in Middle East Studies and International Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center, Italy
Ennahda and the Tunisian Constitution
Duncan Pickard, Non-Resident Fellow, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East; Constitutional Advisor, Harvard Law School, Boston, MA, U.S.; Constitutional Specialist, Democracy Reporting International, Tripoli, Libya
The Rule of Law and The State of Emergency in Egypt: Considerations Two Years after the Revolution
Islam Chiha, Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Egypt

13:30-15:00 Actors and Factors in Constitutional Transitions: Comparative Perspectives from Iraq and Afghanistan
Chair: Justin Frosini, Director, CCSDD-Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development, Bologna, Italy
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9:00-10:30  Constitutional Amendments and Emerging Constitutions: Critical Studies of Substantive Provisions of Constitutional Amendments Enacted in Jordan and Morocco and of the Tunisian Draft Constitution

Chair: Mohamed Y. Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, D.C., U.S.

A Study of the 2011 Amendments to the Jordanian Constitution
Mohammad Hammouri, Professor of Constitutional Law; Founder and Chairman, Law Firm Hammouri & Partners, Amman, Jordan

A Study of the 2011 Amendments to the Moroccan Constitution
Mohammed Malki, Professor of Political Science and Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cadi Ayyad, Marrakesh, Morocco

A Study of the Substantive Provisions of Tunisia’s Draft Constitution
Wahid Ferchichi, Professor of General Law, University of Tunis, Tunisia

11:00-12:30  A New Constitution is Enacted: Emergence of and Critical Studies of the Provisions of the New Egyptian Constitution

Chair: Mohamed Y. Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, D.C., U.S.

The Emergence of the New Egyptian Constitution: A Historical Perspective
Khaled Fahmy, Chair, Department of History, American University in Cairo, Egypt

A Study of the Substantive Provisions of the New Egyptian Constitution
Mohamed Bahi, Associate Dean, Professor of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University; Member, National Council for Human Rights, Former Member, Constituent Assembly, Egypt

The Judicial Power in the New Egyptian Constitution
Karim El Chazli, Visiting Researcher, Swiss Institute for Comparative Law, Lausanne, Switzerland; PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France

14:00-15:00  Regional Perspectives: Constitutionalism in the Gulf Monarchies and the Turkish Model of Constitutionalism

Chair: Giorgios Dimitrakopoulos, Former Member, European Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Athens, Greece

The Constitutionalism Discourse in the Arabian Gulf Monarchies: Beyond the Dominant Ideology’s Intellectual Limitations
Ramzan Al-Noaimi, Faculty Member, College of Law, University of Bahrain, Manama, Bahrain; SJD Candidate, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., U.S.

The Turkish Model of Constitutionalism and Implications for the Arab World
Ömer Taspinar, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Professor, National War College; Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, D.C., U.S.

15:00-15:30  Closing Remarks