

Cairo Talks on Transition and Change – CTTC

Since popular protest has ousted former President Hosni Mubarak from his office on February 11, Egypt is witnessing a profound transformation process that affects all aspects of society. The Cairo Talks on Transition and Change (CTTC) aim to provide a platform to analyse the ongoing changes and assess the perspectives of political transition in Egypt. Each month renowned scholars from Egypt and Germany will address key topics of this transition period. Each talk will be animated by contributions from two scholars and will leave sufficient time for debate. CTTC are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient Institut Beirut. CTTC are open to students, researchers, activists and the wider public. Light refreshments will be served after the talks to continue the debate in a more convivial setting.

The Series will start with a contribution of German Guest Professor, Dr Patricia Bauer, FEPS, Cairo University and Professor Dr. Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat, professor of Political Science at Cairo University and President of the Cairo Center for the Culture of Democracy (CCCD).

The State We Are in – Constitutional Development towards Reform or Restoration?

The Egyptian constitutional referendum of 19 March 2011 resulted in a clear mandate for the Military Council to implement constitutional changes. By the constitutional decree the pathway for parliamentary elections in September 2011 followed soon after by presidential elections is open. Though the next steps seem to be predictable, a number of questions arise about the continuation of constitutional as well as political reform beyond the forthcoming elections: What are requirements for the design of a new constitution? What model of democratic rule is preferable? What political options for reform and system transformation in Egypt are still open?

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