

Cairo Talks on Transformation 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 Transformation 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. CTTC are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient Institute 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.

In the 11th CTTC Dr. Yasmine Farouk and Dr. habil. Johannes M. Becker will discuss the prospects of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership after the Arab Spring:

Partners or just “friends”? The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the Arab Spring

The uprising in Tunisia and Egypt had taken most European countries by surprise. For a long time they had considered North African regimes as stable and their authoritarian rulers as “friends”. Despite their commitment to democracy promotion, the support for the protesters came late. Once they stepped in, they trusted rather in their bilateral relations than finding a common response to the “Arab Spring”. France has been one of the main sponsors of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and is a case in point to explore the role of Europe in the Arab Spring. Our 11th CTTC will discuss the following questions: What have been the strongpoints and the shortcomings of cooperation in the past? What are the options to improve the cooperation after the revolution? How shall the EU and its member states deal with the current political situation in Egypt?

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The debate will be chaired by **Dr. Jan Völkel**, DAAD lecturer in Political Science at Cairo University.



**Venue: DAAD premises, 11 Saleh Ayoub, Zamalek, Cairo.
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