INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE MIDDLE EAST

The Arab Spring that started in late 2010 has resulted in considerable turmoil in the Middle East, ranging from relatively peaceful changes in government to full out civil war in Syria. What are the appropriate roles for external forces in these conflicts? When do internal events reach a state that external intervention is justified? Can the overthrow of a democratically elected government ever be acceptable? Should any intervention be under the auspices of the United Nations or is that inevitably a recipe for inaction? Does the USA have any special role to play here?

You are invited to come and participate in an open discussion on these issues. The discussion will be primed and facilitated by Jeremy Pressman, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Middle East Studies along with Kathy Libal, Associate Professor in Social Work and Associate Director of the Human Rights Institute and Naila Al Atrash, visiting Professor, Department of Dramatic Arts.

Thursday, October 17th
7:00 – 8:30P.M.
McMahon Learning Community Lounge

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