

18.00 - 18.05



Nordic Security Conference 2021 The Arab Spring: A Decade Later

Thursday March 11th

Session I: The Last Decade in Review

18.00 – 18.03	weicome
18.05 – 18.20	Opening remarks
	<u>Ovstein Windstad</u> , investigative journalist and
	author. Talk based on observations and experiences from Egypt.
18.20 – 18.30	Official opening speech
	Kate Hansen Bundt, Secretary General of the
	Norwegian Atlantic Committee
18.30 – 18:45	Opening remarks
	<u>Frank Bakke-Jensen</u> , Norwegian Minister of
	Defence
18.45 – 19:00	Opening remarks
	Marte Ziolkowski, Political Adviser at the
	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
19:00 – 19.30	What happened to the Arab Spring?
	Sverre Lodgaard, Senior Researcher at NUPI
19:30 – 19.35	Short Break
19:35 – 19.50	Q&A with Sverre Lodgaard
	Moderated by Karl Mandelid, YATA Norway
19:50 – 20.10	Talk
	Chaima Bouhlel. Tunisian journalist and human
	rights activist.

Welcome

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Friday March 12th

Session II: Jihadist Growth after the Arab Spring

18.00 - 18.10	Session II opening
18.10 – 18.30	Talk <u>Najet Zammouri</u> , Vice President of Tunisian Human Rights League (LTDH). Nobel Peace Prize recipient, 2015.
18.30 – 18.50	The Rise of jihadism after the Arab Spring Research Professor <u>Morten Bøås</u> , from the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
18.55 – 19.15	Islamist Terrorism in Europe Senior Researcher <u>Petter Nesser</u> , from the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) and BI Norwegian Business School
19.20 – 19.40	Jihad in Sahel: the growth of ISIS Researcher fellow <u>Vidar Benjamin Skretting</u> from Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)
19.40 – 19.50	Break
19.50 – 20.30	Panel discussion with Q&A Moderated by <u>Cecilie Hellestveit</u> , researcher at the Norwegian Academy of International Law
20.45 – 22.00	Digital documentary screening <u>Tiny Souls by Dina Naser</u> (For conference participants)

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Saturday March 13th

Session III: The Role of Great Powers in the MENA Region

Opening of session III and IV
Saudi Arabia's role over the past 10 years
Professor Bjørn Olav Utvik, from University of
Oslo (UiO)
Iran's role over the past 10 years
Senior Research Fellow <u>Kjetil Selvik</u> from the
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
(NUPI)
Turkey's geopolitical role in the MENA region
Senior Researcher <u>Pinar Tank</u> from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
Russian involvement and geopolitical interests
Research Professor <u>Pavel Baev</u> from the Peace
Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
Break
Panel discussion with Q&A
Moderated by Sverre Strandhagen
Commentator at Dagens Næringsliv (DN)
Lunchbreak

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Session IV: The Arab Spring: a struggle for liberty, equality and brotherhood?

14.00 – 14.20	Attitudes, beliefs and rule of law: growth or stagnation after the Arab Spring?
	Associate Professor <u>Lars Gule</u> from Oslo
	Metropolitan University (OsloMet)
14.25 – 14.45	Women's role and rights in a patriarchal society after the Arab Spring, focusing on Saudi Arabia
	Postdoctoral Researcher Charlotte Lysa, from
	The University of Oslo (UiO)
14.50 – 15.10	Migration and displacement after the Arab Spring
	Counsellor <u>Johan Kr. Meyer</u> , from the
	Norwegian Embassy of Niger and Chad
15.10 – 15.20	Break
15.20 – 16.00	Panel discussion with Q&A
	Moderated by <u>Rikke Agerup</u>
	Communications Advisor at the Norwegian
	Institute for International Affairs (NUPI)
16.00 – 16.05	Closing remarks
	Jens Kristian Øvstebø
	President of YATA Norway

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