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9 a.m. **Keynote Address**

Shahira Amin, Egyptian journalist. Amin resigned from her post at Nile TV on the air in protest of the state-run station's coverage of the revolution. She will give an eyewitness account of "Arab Spring."

10:15 a.m. **Panel: "Public Places, Alternative Spaces"**

This discussion will illuminate the ways that women's presence has democratized uses of space. It will also question the connection between revolution and the street by exploring virtual spaces such as the blogosphere and women's hidden activism in crevices of the city, where every space may be reenvisioned for its mobilizing potential.

Nadje al-Ali, Professor of Gender Studies, Centre for Gender Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Al-Ali will bring to the panel her expertise on women's movements and feminism in Iraq and Egypt. Her work also considers secularism and Islamism, transnational migration and diaspora mobilization, and the impact of war and violence on women in the Middle East.

Mounira Charrad, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Charrad will share her sociological perspective on changing solidarities in the history of the Middle East and explore how that issue relates to "Arab Spring," with a focus on Tunisia. Her work also considers state building, patrimonialism, and gender policy.

Shireen Hassim, Professor of Politics, Department of Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Hassim will offer her unique perspective on the importance of women in South Africa's transition to democracy.

Philip N. Howard, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Jackson School of International Studies, Information School, University of Washington. Howard studies social media as part of his larger interests in digital culture and political change. He brings to the panel his experience as the director of the Project on Information Technology and Political Islam and his research on digital aspects of current Islamic political movements.

Moderated by **Hashim Sarkis**, Aga Khan Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urbanism in Muslim Societies, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Graduate

School of Design, Harvard University

1 p.m.

Panel: “Representing Women: Culture, Religion, and Revolution”

This discussion presents a dialogue among activists, scholars, and cultural analysts. They will reflect on cultural practices and iconic representations of women as they play out in democratizing movements, with a particular interest in the place of religion in democratic politics.

Dalenda Larguèche, Professor of History and Women Studies, Université de la Manouba (Tunisia). Larguèche will draw on her experience as a scholar of Tunisian history and as an activist involved in organizing democratic election campaigns in Tunisia.

Elzbieta Matynia, Associate Professor of Sociology and Liberal Studies, Eugene Lang College for Liberal Arts, the New School. Matynia will focus on political and cultural sociology in the context of democratic transitions in Eastern Europe and beyond.

Dalia Ziada, Egyptian writer, blogger, poet, and human rights activist. Ziada will share her perspective as a leading young, female voice in Egypt’s revolution who has used social media to further her activism.

Moderated by **Malika Zeghal**, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Professor in Contemporary Islamic Thought and Life, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

2:30

p.m.

Break

2:45

p.m.

Panel: “Women, Rights, and Power”

Given that demands for democratization are typically framed in universalistic language, this panel will consider ways in which women take important roles in making demands for democratization or for participation in newly democratic governments. It will also examine how gender-specific issues become a central component of demands on newly democratized governments.

Dalia Mogahed, Director, Abu Dhabi Gallup Center; Executive Director and Senior Analyst, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies. Mogahed is a leading expert of Arab public opinion and the role of women in the Egyptian protest. She is also an advisor to the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Heba Raouf Ezzat, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Ezzat is a scholar of political science and social theory who studies the role of women in politics from an Islamic perspective.

Rima Khalaf, Undersecretary General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Khalaf will bring to the panel her experience as a woman in politics. She is the former prime minister of Jordan and an author of the Arab Human Development Report.

Ann Snitow, Director, Gender Studies Program, and Associate Professor, Literature and Gender Studies, Eugene Lang College for Liberal Arts, the New School; Cofounder and Board Member, Network of East and West Women (NEWW). Snitow is a scholar and activist whose work focuses on women and social change in Eastern Europe. She is a founder and board member of NEWW, a network of more than 1,000 women's advocates in 30 countries.

Moderated by **Jane J. Mansbridge**, Adams Professor of Political Leadership and Democratic Values, Harvard Kennedy School

4:15
p.m.

Rapporteur Discussion

Two rapporteurs will highlight the major themes of the conference, tying together issues raised across panels. They will compare different countries and moments of democratic change to help participants understand what is distinctive about "Arab Spring" and what is universal about women making democracy.

Leila Fawaz, Issam M. Fares Professor of Lebanese and Eastern Mediterranean Studies; Founding Director, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University; President, Board of Overseers, Harvard University. Fawaz is a scholar of the social and political history of the modern Middle East.

Temma Kaplan, Professor of History, Department of History, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University. Kaplan is a comparative historian, focusing on women, gender, and sexuality in political popular culture in Argentina, Chile, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, and the United States.

Moderated by **Nancy Rosenblum**, Senator Joseph Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government Political Theory, Department of Government, Harvard University

5 p.m.

Closing Remarks:

Lizabeth Cohen

Jennifer Hochschild