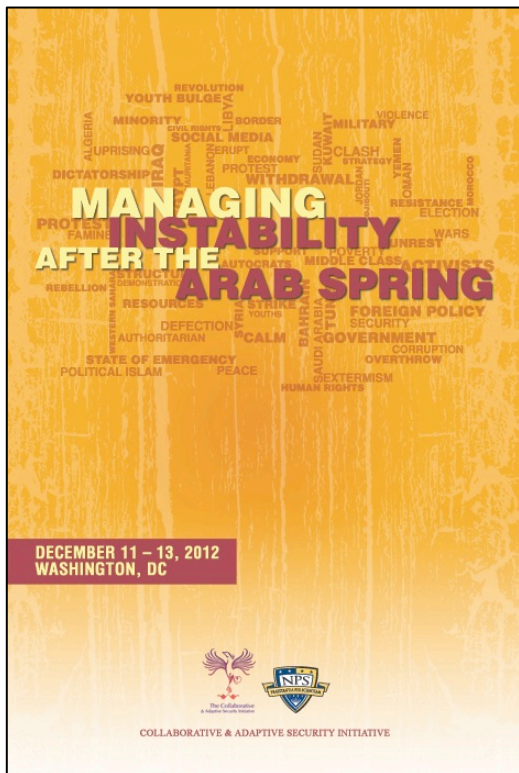


The Collaborative & Adaptive Security Initiative of the US Naval Postgraduate School



offers the following workshop:

“Managing Instability After the Arab Spring”

December 11 - 13, 2012
Washington, DC

This workshop convenes officials from the armed forces, government civilian agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academic institutions to discuss the political, social and security implications of the regional transition commonly referred to as the “Arab Spring.” By exploring the challenges faced by the region during this transition, participants will be better prepared to help shape the environment, to encourage successful transitions to stable democracy, and to ensure positive relations between the Arab and Western worlds.

The workshop is intended to be an open conversation about a dynamic, evolving, contemporary issue that affects the entire globe. There are no specific “right” answers, and the curriculum is designed to be very open-ended, with content deriving directly from the participants themselves. Participants are expected to be knowledgeable about the region and the issues associated with the Arab Spring. Participants should come with an open-mind and respect for new, diverse ideas.

Workshop Objectives:

- Explore the socio-political forces at work in the ongoing transitions in the Arab world, and discuss the diversity, aspirations, and significance of political Islam.
- Discuss current developments in the defense sectors of the countries under transition and weigh the implications of the broader political transition for the international security environment.
- Explore the challenges associated with transitions from authoritarian to democratic regimes, especially those related to pressures “moderate Islamists” will face from more extreme groups.
- Expand and enhance practitioner networks among individuals interested or involved in the Arab transitions.

Facilitators/Faculty:

The workshop will be led by staff from the Collaborative & Adaptive Security Initiative of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and Subject Matter Experts from the field. Participants themselves will enrich and substantively contribute to the content of the program by providing their own insights and experiences.

Methodology:

Plenary discussions, small-group interactions, and expert presentations will be used to achieve the objectives. Participants will be asked to play an active role in sharing their experiences, perspectives and questions to stimulate reflective dialogue about managing instability after the Arab Spring.

Desired Participants:

Approximately 40 participants (from the United States and abroad) from government civilian agencies, the armed forces, non-governmental organizations and inter-governmental organizations will attend. Efforts will be made to obtain a representative group from each community. Participants should be mid- to senior-level representatives from their communities with policy-making and/or field experience.

Specific Dates and Location:

The workshop begins at 9 am on Tuesday, December 11, and runs through Thursday, December 13, at 5 pm. Registration will be from 8:15 am – 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 11. Directions to the event venue will be provided upon acceptance into the workshop.

Travel and Accommodation:

All international and domestic participants should plan to arrive in Washington, DC, for the opening session on the morning of Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Dulles International Airport or “Reagan” National Airport are the best points of entry for Washington, DC. All accommodation expenses are the participants’ responsibility. Event organizers can provide recommendations for local hotels.

Cost:

- There is no tuition or conference fee.
- Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

Application:

The application period will close on November 30, 2012. We anticipate that demand for this workshop will exceed the space available. Admission decisions will be announced on a rolling basis starting November 19. Applications are accepted via the CASI online system:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEldZ1pVd0lwOWl6bkM2UXNOc015amc6MA#gid=0>

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