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Arab Spring: Where Do We Go From Here?

Vali Nasr

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Johns Hopkins University
School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Wednesday, January 16th, 2013

7:00pm – 9:00 pm



Three on the Bund

3 Zhongshan Dong Yi Road (Entrance at 17 Guangdong Road)

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19:00 – Pre-Lecture Mixer
19:50 – Introductory Remarks
20:00 – Lecture by Vali Nasr
20:40 – Q&A

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The Arab Spring is a hopeful chapter in Middle Eastern politics, but the region's history points to darker outcomes. There are no recent examples of extended power-sharing or peaceful transitions to democracy in the Arab world. When dictatorships crack, budding democracies are more than likely to be greeted by violence and paralysis. Sectarian divisions — the bane of many Middle Eastern societies — will then emerge, as competing groups settle old scores and vie for power. Dean Nasr will discuss the range of possible outcomes of these developments in the Middle East, and their implications for American foreign policy in the Middle East.

[Vali Nasr](#) is Dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a Middle East scholar, foreign policy adviser and commentator on international relations, whose two most recent books, [Forces of Fortune](#) and [The Shia Revival](#), dealt with the postwar sectarian violence in Iraq and the uprisings known as the Arab Spring. His publications contributed to U.S. policy formulated in response to those events. Prior to being named SAIS dean, he was a professor of international politics at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. From 2009 to 2011, he was special adviser to the President's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Previously, he served on the faculties of the Naval Postgraduate School, Stanford University, the University of California, San Diego and the University of San Diego. He has been a Carnegie Scholar and a senior fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, an adjunct senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. Nasr is currently a member of the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Affairs Policy Board, a Director of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the National Democratic Institute, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He received his BA and MA in International Economics and Middle East studies from Tufts, and his PhD in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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