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Saturday October 1, 2016

	Auditorium 1
9:30 - 10:30 am	<p>Keynote Lecture</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Jamal Barout</p> <p>Azmi Bishara: between the Military and the Arab Spring</p>
10:30 - 12:00 am	<p>Session One: Theoretical Issues and Problematics</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Mohammad Almasri</p> <p>Abdulwahab El-Affendi: Between the Militarization of Politics and the Civilianization of the Military: Towards a Theoretical Framework</p> <p>Khalil Anani: The Transformations of the Arab Armies' Political Doctrines: A Review of the Arabic Literature with an Emphasis on Egypt</p> <p>Taibi Ghomari: Moving Beyond Categorization Theories of Civil-Military Relations: Interpreting the Relationship</p>
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Coffee Break

12:30 - 14:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session Two: Differing Patterns: A Comparative Analysis of Various Coups</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Moderator: Saifeddin Abdulfattah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ahmed Hajaji: Opposition Strategies in the Face of Military Rule: A Comparative Study Abdelfattah Mady: What Leads Militaries to Give Up Politics and Power? A Comparative Study Muhannad Mustafa: The Army and its Role in Democratic Transition: Three Case Studies</p>
14:00 - 14:45 pm	Lunch Break
14:45 - 16:45 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session Three: The Emergence of the Modern Arab Military and the Evolution of its Political Role</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Moderator: Yousef Al-Abdullah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abdulwahab Al-Qassab: The Arab Ottoman Military Elite and the Formation of Modern States: Iraq Khaled Ziadeh: The Early Roles of the Military in Politics and Military Leadership Mohammed Almasri: The Free Officers in Jordan and the Politicization of the Army Jamal Barout: The Roots of Military Authoritarianism: The Dichotomy of Military-Civilian Authority in Syria (1950-1970)</p>

Sunday October 2, 2016

9:30 - 10:15 am	Auditorium 2	
10:30 - 12:00 am	<p data-bbox="724 396 1082 423">Keynote Lecture: Zoltan Barani</p> <p data-bbox="783 430 1023 452">Moderator: Haider Saeed</p> <p data-bbox="544 474 699 501">Auditorium 2</p> <p data-bbox="435 524 807 584">Session Four: The Army and Irregular Forces (1)</p> <p data-bbox="416 591 831 613">Panel Moderator: Mohammed Al-Misfer</p> <p data-bbox="400 629 847 696">Ali Al-Mamoouri: The Army and Irregular Forces in Iraq: The Dialectic between the State and the Ethnocentric Alternative</p> <p data-bbox="395 707 852 775">Sumaya Sheikh Mahmoud: The Challenge of Building a Unified Military in a Regionally Divided Society: Somalia</p> <p data-bbox="395 786 852 831">Bader Al-Shafei: National Militaries and Private Military Contractors: A Problematic Relationship</p>	<p data-bbox="911 474 1406 501">Meeting Hall-Cultural Foundation Building</p> <p data-bbox="951 524 1366 584">Session Four: The Army and Power: The Case of Algeria, Syria and Sudan</p> <p data-bbox="983 591 1334 613">Panel Moderator: Mounir Kchaou</p> <p data-bbox="895 629 1422 674">Adel Ourabah: The Army, the Authorities and the Stalled Democratic Transition in Algeria</p> <p data-bbox="906 685 1410 730">Nouri Dris: Army, Authority and State in Algeria: From Populist Ideology to Neo-Patrimonial State</p> <p data-bbox="911 741 1406 786">Hassan al-Hajj Ali: Military Coup as Political Transition: the Army and Political Authority in Sudan</p> <p data-bbox="911 797 1406 842">Nerouz Satik: The Military within the Nexus of Power in Syria (2000 – 2011)</p>
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Coffee Break	

<p>12:30 - 14:00 pm</p>	<p>Session Five: The Army and Irregular Forces (2): The Case of Sudan</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Hassan Al-Hajj Ali</p> <p>Hassan Gasim: The Army and Armed Militias in Sudan: Complementarity or Competition?</p> <p>Sahar Al-Faki: The Interplay of Domestic and Foreign Factors in Sudan: The Military and the Heart of Power</p> <p>Tarig Haroun: The Sudanese Army, the Janjaweed and Democratic Transition</p>	<p>Session Five: Troubled Relations between the Army and Democratic Transition in the Maghreb (1): Tunisia and Libya</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Nouredine Miladi</p> <p>Eya Jarrad: On the Dynamics of Civilian-Military Relations in Tunisia: From Independence to Revolution</p> <p>Anouar Al-Jamaoui: The Military and Democratic Transition in Tunisia</p> <p>Larbi Larbi: The Military Establishment in the Face of Revolution: Comparing the Cases of Tunisia and Libya</p> <p>Mustafa Attir: Libya: The Military and the Conundrum of Democratic Transition</p>
<p>14:00 - 14:45 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14:45 - 16:15 pm</p>	<p>Session Six: The Army's Position on the Arab Spring and Reform Issues: Case Studies</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Ibrahim Fraihat</p> <p>Ghassan El-Ezzi: Arab Armies and the Revolutions of 2011: The Cases of Tunisia and Egypt</p> <p>Gamal Delh: Militaries during Arab Political Transitions: Egypt and Algeria</p> <p>Hamzeh Almoustafa: Arab Militaries and Democratic Transition: A Comparative Study of the Tunisian, Egyptian and Syrian Cases</p> <p>Mohammed Saadi: Reforming Arab Militaries: A Preliminary Comparative Study</p>	<p>Session Six: Troubled Relations between the Army and Democratic Transition in the Maghreb (2): Algeria</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Abdelhamid Henia</p> <p>Eltaher Saoud: The Algerian Army and National Reconciliation</p> <p>Laroussi Rabah: The Army and Politics in Algeria: Challenges and Future Prospects</p> <p>Ouled Bahi Boun: Military Officers in Mauritania and Algeria and the Experience of Democratic Transition</p> <p>Ahmad Idali: Civil-Military Relations in Algeria: Statics and Dynamics</p>

Monday October 3, 2016

	Auditorium 2	Meeting Hall-Cultural Foundation Building
9:30 - 11:00 am	<p>Session Seven: The Iraqi Military Establishment and its Political Role: Past and Present</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Suhaim Al-Thani</p> <p>Alnasser Said and Kamal Hassan: The Politicization of the Iraqi Military and its Impact on Political Stability (1921 to 2003)</p> <p>Emad Allaw: The Political Role of the Iraqi Military During Social Transformations</p> <p>Aziz Sardar: The Army and Politics in Iraqi Kurdistan</p>	<p>Session Seven: Troubled Relations between the Army and Democratic Transition in the Maghreb (3): Mauritania and Morocco</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Abderrahim Benhadda</p> <p>Mohammed Abdelrahman: Obstacles to Democratic Transition in the Arab Homeland: the Case of Mauritania</p> <p><i>Mohamed Hosni:</i> Military Coups d'état and Military Rule in Mauritania: Obstacles to Democratic Transition</p> <p>Ihsane Elhafidi: The Army, the Monarchy, and the Establishment in Morocco.</p>
11:00 - 11:30 am	Coffee Break	

<p>11:30 - 13:00 am</p>	<p>Session Eight: Coups d'Etat in Sudan and their Political Dimensions</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Khalid Al-Jaber</p> <p>Mohannad Ahmad: Sudan's May 25, 1969 Coup</p> <p>Abdullah Ibrahim: The Sudanese Communist Party: A Coup Born within the Revolution</p> <p>Khalifa Ismail: The Role of the Military in Sudan's Democratic Transition</p> <p>Gaysar El-Zein: Army, Elite, Ideology: Sudanese Political Path between Democracy and Coup since 1958</p>	<p>Session Eight: The Egyptian Military Establishment: From Revolution to Coup</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Abdulwahab El-Affendi</p> <p>Saifeddin Abdulfattah: The Political Discourse of the Egyptian Military: From Revolution to Coup</p> <p>Mahmoud Abdelal: Intervention of the Egyptian Military in the Political Process after the January 25 Revolution</p> <p>Yasser Djazaerly: Military Coups d'Etat and the Development of Arab Political Consciousness with a Focus on the Turkish July 15 Coup</p> <p>Ali Abd al-Raouf: Tahrir Square: How the Army Turned a Sacred Public Space into a Profane Stomping Ground</p>
<p>13:00 - 13:30 pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>13:30 - 15:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Hall-Cultural Foundation Building</p> <p>Session Nine: Resisting Coups d'Etat in Young Democracies in Light of the July 15 Turkish Coup</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Marwan Kaban</p> <p>Omar Ashour: Preventing Military Coups and Defending Democracy in Turkey: Challenges</p> <p>Ahmet Uysal: Civil-Military Relations during the AKP Era</p> <p>Murat Yesiltas: The Reformulation of Civilian-Military Relations in Turkey Following the Failed Coup of July 15, 2016</p> <p>Fayrouz Lamtaie: Media Coverage of the Attempted Coup in Turkey: Content Analysis of Arab and Western Media Outlets</p>	



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