Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies

International Seminar

Rethinking West Asia

Moving Beyond the Revolutions

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Salt Lake

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REGISTRATION & TEA: 9.30 -10.00

10.00 -10.30

INAUGURAL SESSION

WELCOME ADDRESS: DR SREERADHA DUTTA, DIRECTOR, MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES

INAUGURAL ADDRESS: SHRI SITARAM SHARMA, CHAIRMAN, MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES

SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY ON THE MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES

SESSION I 10.30 -11.30

ROUNDTABLE

Corollaries of the Arab Uprisings & the Necessity to Reassess the Region

CHAIR: MUSTAPHA KAMEL AL SAYYID

Initiated by Priya Singh

Participants: Nadine Sika

Harel Chorev

Yousef Jabareen

Yasemin İnceoğlu

Alper Dede

Mujib Alam

Sujata Ashwarya Cheema

Kingshuk Chatterjee

Israel-Palestine

SESSION II 11.30-1.00

CHAIR: KINGSHUK CHATTERJEE

The emerging of the geographies of Bi-national State: Israel-Palestine

Yousef Jabareen, Professor of Urban Planning, Technion, Haifa, Israel

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank: Geopolitical Dilemmas and Internal Challenges

Harel Chorev, Fellow, Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

Discussant: Sujata Ashwarya Cheema

LUNCH: 1.00-2.00

Iran

SESSION III 2.00 -3.30

CHAIR: HAREL CHOREV

Of Islam and Other Things: the drivers and rhetoric of Iranian policy

Kingshuk Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of History, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India

The Iranian Nuclear Issue: Contending Narratives, Emerging Dynamics and the Road Ahead

Sujata Ashwarya Cheema, Assistant Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

Discussant: Nadine Sika

TEA 3.30-3.45

Turkey

SESSION IV 3.45 -5.30

CHAIR: ANITA SENGUPTA

The Rise of Contentious Politics in Turkey after the Arab Spring

Alper Dede, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Zirve University, Turkey

The Coverage of Gezi Park Resistance in the Turkish Media

Yasemin İnceoğlu, Professor of Journalism, Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey

The Changing Dynamics of Turkey's Relations with Israel: The Arab Spring and its Aftermath

Mujib Alam, Assistant Professor, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

Discussant: Dilorom Karomat

7.00PM ONWARDS: CULTURAL PROGRAMME AND DIRECTOR'S DINNER AT THE MUSEUM BUILDING

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TEA: 10.30-11.00

Egypt

SESSION V 11.00 -1.00

CHAIR: SUJATA ASHWARYA CHEEMA

Trajectory of political change after the uprisings: Why success in Tunisia and failure in Egypt?

Mustapha Kamel Al Sayyid, Professor, Department of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

Youth Protest Movements, Economic Crisis and Regime Change in Egypt

Nadine Sika, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

Political Islam in Egypt after Mursi

Konrad Pędziwiatr, Assistant Professor, Krakow University of Economics, Krakow, Poland

Discussant: Kingshuk Chatterjee

VOTE OF THANKS: PRIYA SINGH

LUNCH: 1.00-2.00

CITY TOUR: 2.00 ONWARDS