



Durability of Authoritarian Regimes and the Challenges of Islamist Movements in **THE MIDDLE EAST**

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Location (For All Panels)

University Center (UC), UC Theatre
The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812

Panels (Day 1: Wednesday September 30th, 2009)

- **OPENING REMARKS**, 09:30-10:00 a.m.

President George M. Dennison (The University of Montana) and **Dr. Mehrdad Kia** (The University of Montana).

- **DILEMMAS OF REFORM IN AUTHORITARIAN MILIEU**, 10:00-12:00 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Dr. Nouredine Jebnoun** (The University of Montana). Speakers: **Dr. Clement M. Henry** (University of Texas at Austin), **Dr. Lindsay Benstead** (Princeton University), and **Dr. Elizabeth Bouri** (UNDP).

- **CONTESTING AND QUESTIONING AUTHORITARIANISM FROM WITHIN: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AT THE CROSSROADS**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Dr. Mehrdad Kia** (The University of Montana). Speakers: **Dr. Shireen Hunter** (Georgetown University), **Mr. Alireza Nader** (RAND), and **Dr. Ali Ansari** (University of St. Andrews).

Panels (Day 2: Thursday October 1st, 2009)

- **EGYPTIAN MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD: AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE IN A SHADOW OF A ROBUST AUTHORITARIAN RULE**, 10:00-12:00 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Dr. Ardeshir Kia** (The University of Montana). Speakers: **Dr. Nathan J. Brown** (Georges Washington University), **Dr. Joshua Stacher** (Kent State University), and **Dr. Tarek Masoud** (Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government).

- **THE ARAB WORLD BETWEEN A SEARCH FOR DEMOCRACY AND AN OLD AUTHORITARIANISM PLAYED ANEW**, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Dr. Steven Levine** (The University of Montana). Speakers: **Dr. Michael C. Hudson** (Georgetown University), **Dr. Eric Davis** (Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey), **Mr. John Measor** (The University of Montana), **Mr. Cory S Julie** (Georgetown University), and **Dr. As'ad AbuKhalil** (California State University, Stanislaus).

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