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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

“Open Sources and the Leaked American Diplomatic Cables”

Beirut, March 4 – 6, 2011

Website: www.dohainstitute.org

Day 1:
Friday, March 4, 2011

9:00 – 9:15 **Registration**

Theme: Open Source, Phenomenon of Leaking and the Media

9:15 – 11:15 ***Session 1: New Media Sources and Change***

1- Azmi Beshara: Truth, Authority and Reconsidering Facts.

2- Maximilian Forte: The On-going Reinvention of WikiLeaks: Media, power, and shifting the shape of dissent.

3- Basim Tweissi: New Media Sources: The re-distribution of power.

◆ ***Discussion***

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:30 ***Session 2: Open Source and the Media***

1- Ismail Noori al-Robaie: Digital Ethics and the Spirit of Transparency.

2- Lena Jayussi: The Power of Technology and the Technologies of Power.

3- Sadoq Hammami: Revolution and the Tunisian Media and Communication Dilemma: The role of New Media.

4- Dina Mattar: Conceptual Challenges: media, politics and participation in the Arab World.

5- Nermeen Sayed: New Media and Opportunities for Democratic Transformation in Authoritarian Regimes: A Study in the perception and practices of politically active youth: Egypt as a case.

◆ ***Discussion***

13:30 – 16:00 **Lunch**

16:00 – 18:00 ***Session 3: Open Source and the Phenomenon of Leaking: Effect on the Press***

1- Reda Abdel Wajed Amin: Open Source Journalism and its Impact on the Printed Press: The WikiLeaks Model.

2- Nahawand Kadri Issa: Traditional Media and the Phenomenon of Leaking: What function, what role?

3- Saddek Rabah: The Press and WikiLeaks: Between celebrating and questioning.

4- Ali Hussein Bakeer: Internet Role in the Information Age: Opportunities, challenges and future risks.

Day Two:
Saturday, March 5, 2011

- 9:00 – 11:00** ***Session 1: The Phenomenon of Leaking and the Position of the Press***
- 1- **Alaa al-Shamy:** The Phenomenon of Hostile Media and the Uses of Internet as an Open Source for Information: Interaction with the leaks inside Egypt.
 - 2- **Gareth Porter:** Corporate News Media: WikiLeaks and the accountability problem.
 - 3- **Iyan Black:** From the Eye of a Journalist: Presentation on WikiLeaks and the Middle East.
 - 4- **Mona Fayad:** WikiLeaks and the Press: Mixing between transparency and democracy.
- ◆ ***Discussion***

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

Theme: The Leaking of Diplomatic Cables on an Open Source

- 11:30 – 13:30** ***Session 2: The Leaked American Diplomatic Cables: A Historian's Perspective***
- 1- **Mohammad Saber Arab:** International Legal Controls on Documents: A comparative study.
 - 2- **Massoud Daher:** The Diplomatic Records: a reading from a historian's perspective.
 - 3- **Jamal Barout:** The Challenges of Historic Documents in the World of Open Networks.
 - 4- **Mouayad al-Windawi:** A Reading and Analysis of Government Documents: Their uses in scientific research.
- ◆ ***Discussion***

13:30 – 16:00 **Lunch Break**

- 16:00 – 18:00** ***Session 3: The Leaked American Cables: Implications for Diplomacy***
- 1- **Hassan Abu Nimah:** The Leaks: Is there a Diminution of Diplomacy?
 - 2- **Mousa Braizat:** Diplomats' Coverage of Developments in Host Countries: Form and substance.
 - 3- **Hichem Karoui:** Diplomacy in the face of Revolution, 'Transparent Society,' and 'Risk Society': WikiLeaks' International and regional repercussions.
 - 4- **Mahjoub Zweiri:** The Leaks and Iran.
- ◆ ***Discussion***

Day Three:
Sunday, March 6, 2011

Theme: The Leaked Diplomatic Cables and the Arab World

9:00 – 11:00

Session 1: US Policy and the Arab World

1- Noha Khalaf: The US National Security Strategy of the Obama Administration and the Phenomenon of the Leaks, a New Kind of War: Between convergence and contradiction”

2- Hassan el-Mossadak: The Scope of Franco-American Conflict on the Arab Maghreb through Wikileaks documents.

3- Fatima al-Samadi: US Records and the Arab World (Iran and the Gulf): Security and economy.

4- Bouhanja Gaoui: Security between the Information War and Democratic Knowledge.

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30

Security and Human Rights

1- Nabil Naili: WikiLeaks between Revelation and Employment: ‘Creative’ chaos from the virtual world to the real world (Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan).

2- Muhammad Khalifa al-Siddiq: Sudan in WikiLeaks Cables: Reality and prospects.

3- Emad al-Shumari and Azhar al-Ghirbawi: A Reading of the US Violations of Human Rights in Iraq in WikiLeaks Records.

4- Shamama Kheir Eldin: WikiLeaks on the US Violation of Human Rights in Iraq: The real reasons for the American hostility to the International Criminal Court.