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The Arab Spring

By force of this year's Arab revolts and revolutions, the prospect of achieving power across the region has unleashed a debate over the character of the emerging political orders. The moment has been described as dramatic as any in the Arab world, as autocracies crumble and vibrant parties begin building a new order. What will be the outcome of this struggle for the future? These issues will be the focus of the Frank Church Conference on "The Arab Spring." The conference features presentations by Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, former Assistant Secretary of State and Ambassador to Iraq; Ms. Daisy Khan, Executive Director, American Society for Muslim Advancement; Ambassador Hesham El Nakib, Consul General of Egypt; Dr. Peter Howard, Analyst, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and Dr. Nader Hashemi, Assistant Professor, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.



Senator Frank Church welcomes President Anwar al-Sadat to the U.S. Senate after the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, March 26, 1979.

"The Camp David Accords comprised one of the most remarkable achievements in modern diplomatic history."

Senator Frank Church
"Return to Camp David"
February 1979

AGENDA • Thursday, October 27, 2011

- 8:30 am** **Welcome and Introduction**
SIMPLOT BALLROOM
Bethine Church, Chair, the Frank Church Institute
The Hon. David Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise
Dr. Melissa Lavitt, Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Social Sciences, Boise State University
- 9:00 am** **Opening Address**
INTRODUCTION: Dr. Gregory Raymond
Dr. Nader Hashemi, Assistant Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver; author of *Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies*; and co-editor of *The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future*.
- 9:45 am** **Panel Discussion – The Arab Spring Turns to Autumn**
MODERATOR: Moderator: Dr. Gregory A. Raymond, Frank Church Distinguished Professor of International Relations, the Frank and Bethine Church Chair of Public Affairs; Author of *After Iraq: The Imperiled American Imperium and The Global Future*.
Ambassador Hesham El Nakib, Consul General of Egypt in Los Angeles; previously served as Director/Counselor of the North American Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Director of the Cabinet of the First Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs; Director/Press Counselor, Embassy of Egypt; and Minister Plenipotentiary with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Information.
Dr. Peter Howard, Regional Affairs Strategic Analyst, U.S. State Department Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; covers regional strategic security issues for the Middle East and North Africa including the U.S. response to the Arab Spring.

- 11:45 am** **Break**
- 12:00 pm** **Luncheon**
HATCH BALLROOM
- 12:45 pm** **Luncheon Address**
INTRODUCTION: Dr. Bob Kustra, President, Boise State University
ADDRESS: Ms. Daisy Khan, Executive Director of the American Society for Muslim Advancement, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing an American Muslim identity. In the aftermath of 9/11, she created interfaith programs including *Same Difference and Cordoba Bread Fest*. To improve Muslim-West relations, she has launched to intrafaith programs: *Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow and Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality*.
- 1:45 pm** **Break**
- 2:00 pm** **International Student Economic Summit**
SIMPLOT BALLROOM
WELCOME: Leon Maynard, President, Idaho Council on Economic Education.
Ambassador Hesham El Nakib, Ms. Daisy Khan, Dr. Peter Howard, Dr. Nadar Hashemi
- 5:30pm** **Reception**
STUECKLE SKY CENTER SKYLINE ROOM
- 7:30 pm** **Keynote Address**
INTRODUCTION: Melinda Blinken, Member, Board of Directors, The Frank Church Institute
ADDRESS: "Trends in U.S. Foreign Policy" Ambassador Christopher R. Hill
- 9:00 pm** **Adjournment**



AMBASSADOR CHRISTOPHER R. HILL is the Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at The University of Denver, a position he has held since September 2010. Christopher Robert Hill is a former career diplomat, a four-time ambassador, nominated by three presidents, whose last post was as Ambassador to Iraq, April 2009 until August 2010. Prior to Iraq, Hill served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 until 2009 during which he was also the head of the US delegation to the Six Party Talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. Earlier, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Previously he served as U.S. Ambassador to Poland (2000-2004), Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia (1996-1999) and Special Envoy to Kosovo (1998-1999). He also served as a Special Assistant to the President and a Senior Director on the staff of the National Security Council, 1999-2000. Earlier in his Foreign Service career, Ambassador Hill served tours in Belgrade, Warsaw, Seoul, and Tirana, and on the Department of State's Policy Planning staff and in the Department's Operation Center. While on a fellowship with the American Political Science Association he served as a staff member for Congressman Stephen Solarz working on Eastern European issues. He also served as the Department of State's Senior Country Officer for Poland. Ambassador Hill received the State Department's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions as a member of the U.S. negotiating team in the Bosnia peace settlement, and was a recipient of the Robert S. Frasure Award for Peace Negotiations for his work on the Kosovo crisis. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Hill served as a Peace Corps volunteer where he supervised credit unions in rural Cameroon, West Africa. Ambassador Hill graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine with a B.A. in Economics. He received a Master's degree from the Naval War College in 1994. He speaks Polish, Serbo-Croatian, and Macedonian.