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"The Role of Law in Post-Revolutionary Egypt"

Featuring:

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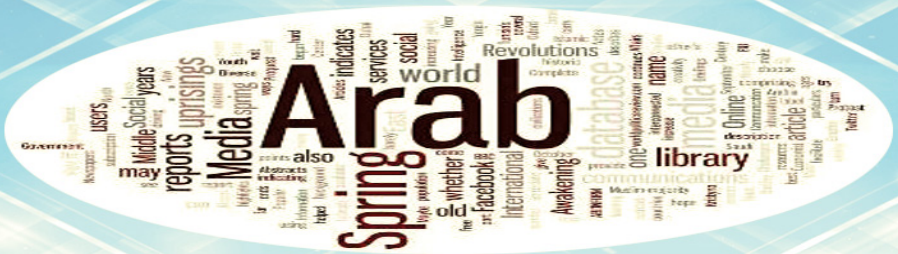

Thursday, October 17 - 6:00 PM
Room: MACK 236

Over the past two years, the Middle East has undergone historic revolutions that have made meaningful democracy a possibility after decades of authoritarianism. The transitions to democracy have been anything but smooth as entrenched economic and political elites resist the push for dignity, equality, and justice for all citizens. Egypt's latest political crisis of July 3, wherein its first democratically elected president was ousted from power, has triggered a new phase in its peoples' demands for democracy. Professor Aziz will discuss how law has been employed as a sword and a shield to propel the country towards a more democratic system on the one hand and further entrench interests of key stakeholders in pre-revolutionary Egypt on the other hand. She will examine how the relationship of law and politics will ultimately determine the outcome of Egypt's experiment with democracy.