

Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change – CTTC

The Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change (CTTC) aim to provide a platform to analyse the ongoing changes and assess the perspectives of political transition in Egypt. Each talk will be animated by contributions from two scholars and will leave sufficient time for debate. CTTC are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient-Institut Beirut.

In the 10th CTTC talk Dr. Stephan Roll (German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP) will discuss with Prof. Samer Atallah (American University Cairo) on:

“It's the economy, stupid! - How political conflict effects economic development in Egypt - and reverse”

Stagnating economic growth, rising inflation and unemployment, growing budget deficits and dramatically declining foreign exchange reserves - all this indicates that the political turmoil has not enhanced Egypt's economic situation until today. On the contrary: due to the ongoing political instability, the country faces an accelerating economic crisis. And this economic situation makes it much more difficult to build up a new political system. But how can Egypt break out of this vicious circle? Is there any chance that political forces can put disagreements on fundamental political issues aside and formulate a common agenda to prevent economic collapse? The CTTC session addresses these questions by looking at economic programs, relevant actors and their respective interests.

Dr. Stephan Roll is a research fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin where he is currently involved in the project “Elite Change and New Social Mobilization in the Arab World”. Prior to joining the SWP, he worked as an Adjunct Lecture at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. He is specialized in economic and political transformation in Arab countries.

Prof. Samer Atallah is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, School of Business at The American University in Cairo. In his research he is specifically interested in trade and environment policy, political transition in resource dependent economies, and trade policies and its impact on institutional change.



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