

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 seventh CTTC talk Lora Anne Viola, Assistant Professor at the John-F.-Kennedy Institute of Freie Universität Berlin will discuss with Ezzedine Choukri Fishere, Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo on:

„After America’s Presidential Elections: Implications for Egypt and Europe“

Since popular unrest started in Tunisia in 2010 relations between the US, Europe and some Arab countries are deeply challenged. A close cooperation with autocrats had to be replaced by a more serious commitment to popular aspirations. America’s presidential elections are the first after the “Arab Spring”. While they did not lead to a change in leadership, the question remains how Barack Obama is going to use his second mandate to redefine relations with Egypt and its neighbors. This CTTC explores how the outcome of America’s presidential elections will shape politics in Egypt and in Europe? What do Europeans have to expect from Obama’s second term? How does Egypt’s recently elected president and its government assert the role of America and the European Union concerning the future development of political cooperation? What will be the main challenges for a fruitful cooperation?

Lora Anne Viola is Assistant Professor at the John-F.-Kennedy Institute of Freie Universität Berlin. She is specialized in American foreign policy and global governance and published: „Governing the club of sovereigns: Inequality and the politics of membership in the international system“.

Ezzedine Choukri Fishere is Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo. Prior to joining AUC, he held the positions of Director of Arab-Israeli Project at the International Crisis Group and he was a Senior Political Advisor to United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process.

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