

10 Years after the “Arab Spring”: Retrospective and View forward

Discussion with Book Presentation and Talks with Experts (Online)

Munich, 15 December 2020, 17:40 – 18:45 & 18:50 – 19:55 CET

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On 17 December 2010, the self-immolation of the street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi in the Tunisian town of Sidi Bouzid triggered a transnational wave of protest and a historic upheaval. Decades-old autocratic regimes fell, civil wars and counterrevolutions followed in some states in the region, reforms and new social dynamics in others.

For ten years “the Arab world” has been changing its face. What are the major challenges, but also what opportunities are facing the people of the region and with them their European neighbors? What role does Germany play, what can we contribute to change?

Together with **Franz Maget**, former Bavarian top politician and late-appointed staff member at the German embassies in Cairo and Tunis as well as consultant, author and editor of the book *“Ten Years of the Arab Spring – What’s now?”*, we want to get to the bottom of the causes and consequences of the uprisings in the region. Particular emphasis is placed on the situation in Tunisia, the only country to have made a transition to democracy.

Voices directly from Tunisia – participants in the program *“Political Consulting and Strategy Development”*, which the C.A.P. has been implementing since 2016 with the Union des Tunésiens Indépendants pour la Liberté and other partners in the framework of a multi-year cooperation between the Free State of Bavaria and the Republic of Tunisia – provide insights into current social, economic and political challenges the country faces.



Franz Maget in talks in Tunis 2017



Franz Maget's publication



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Languages: 17:45 – 18:45 deutsch 18:50 – 19:45 english

- 17:40 Access to the Zoom Meeting Room
- 17:45 Welcome Address and Introduction
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld, Director,
Center for Applied Policy Research (C.A.P.)
- 17:55 „Ten Years of the Arab Spring – What’s now?“
Discussion and Book Presentation
- Franz Maget** talking
with **Benedikt van den Woldenberg**, Head of Scientific Department,
German Orient Institute Berlin
- Questions and Answers
- 18:40 Closing Remarks
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld
- 18:45 Break
- 18:50 Welcome and Introduction
Moez Ali, President, Union des Tunésiens Indépendants pour la Liberté (UTIL) (tbc)
Ludwig Schulz, C.A.P.
- 19:00 Inputs by Participants of the Program “Policy Advice and Strategy Development”
on Hot Topics in current Public and Political Affairs
- Tunisia and
- Covid-19
 - Employability
 - Education
 - Climate change
 - Democratic participation
 - ...
- Question & Answers
- 19:45 Thanks and Closing Remarks
Moez Ali, Ludwig Schulz

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