

# Nordic Security Conference 2021

## The Arab Spring: A Decade Later

Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Session I: The Last Decade in Review

18.00 – 18.05	<b>Welcome</b>
18.05 – 18.20	<b>Opening remarks</b> <i><u>Øystein Windstad</u>, investigative journalist and author. Talk based on observations and experiences from Egypt.</i>
18.20 – 18.30	<b>Official opening speech</b> <i><u>Kate Hansen Bundt</u>, Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee</i>
18.30 – 18.45	<b>Opening remarks</b> <i><u>Frank Bakke-Jensen</u>, Norwegian Minister of Defence</i>
18.45 – 19:00	<b>Opening remarks</b> <i><u>Marte Ziolkowski</u>, Political Adviser at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
19:00 – 19.30	<b>What happened to the Arab Spring?</b> <i><u>Sverre Lodgaard</u>, Senior Researcher at NUPI</i>
19:30 – 19.35	<b>Short Break</b>
19:35 – 19.50	<b>Q&amp;A with Sverre Lodgaard</b> <i>Moderated by Karl Mandelid, YATA Norway</i>
19:50 – 20.10	<b>Talk</b> <i><u>Chaima Bouhlel</u>, Tunisian journalist and human rights activist.</i>

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## Session II: Jihadist Growth after the Arab Spring

18.00 – 18.10	<b>Session II opening</b>
18.10 – 18.30	<b>Talk</b> <i><u>Najet Zammouri</u>, Vice President of Tunisian Human Rights League (LTDH). Nobel Peace Prize recipient, 2015.</i>
18.30 – 18.50	<b>The Rise of jihadism after the Arab Spring</b> <i>Research Professor <u>Morten Boås</u>, from the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)</i>
18.55 – 19.15	<b>Islamist Terrorism in Europe</b> <i>Senior Researcher <u>Petter Nesser</u>, from the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) and BI Norwegian Business School</i>
19.20 – 19.40	<b>Jihad in Sahel: the growth of ISIS</b> <i>Researcher fellow <u>Vidar Benjamin Skretting</u> from Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)</i>
19.40 – 19.50	<b>Break</b>
19.50 – 20.30	<b>Panel discussion with Q&amp;A</b> <i>Moderated by <u>Cecilie Hellestveit</u>, researcher at the Norwegian Academy of International Law</i>
20.45 – 22.00	<b>Digital documentary screening</b> <i><u>Tiny Souls</u> by <u>Dina Naser</u> (For conference participants)</i>

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## Session III: The Role of Great Powers in the MENA Region

11.00 – 11.10	<b>Opening of session III and IV</b>
11.10 – 11.30	<b>Saudi Arabia's role over the past 10 years</b> <i>Professor <u>Bjørn Olav Utvik</u>, from University of Oslo (UiO)</i>
11.35 – 11.55	<b>Iran's role over the past 10 years</b> <i>Senior Research Fellow <u>Kjetil Selvik</u>, from the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUP)</i>
12.00 – 12.20	<b>Turkey's geopolitical role in the MENA region</b> <i>Senior Researcher <u>Pinar Tank</u> from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)</i>
	<b>Russian involvement and geopolitical interests</b> <i>Research Professor <u>Pavel Baev</u> from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)</i>
12.20 – 12.30	<b>Break</b>
12.30 – 13.10	<b>Panel discussion with Q&amp;A</b> <i>Moderated by <u>Sverre Strandhagen</u> Commentator at Dagens Næringsliv (DN)</i>
13.10 – 14.00	<b>Lunchbreak</b>

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