



## Invitation

Thursday, May 10th, 2012, 7 pm

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# Love, Fear and the Arab Spring

**Lecture by Prof. Joseph Massad  
(Columbia University, N.Y.)**

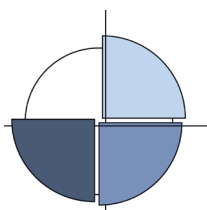
### Venue:

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Room 0109

The lecture reads Gramsci's reading of Machiavelli with regards to the Prince and the importance of love and fear in strategies of rule used by Arab regimes facing uprisings. The lecture then proceeds to explicate the compatibility and incompatibility of certain class alliances in Arab societies that were/are temporarily made in order to challenge the reigning dictators, especially as this relates to the declared goals of the uprisings, while analyzing US imperial strategy in countering and controlling the uprisings, including the role of Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and the US' and Western insistence on naming the uprisings "the Arab Spring", a nomenclature with a resonant Cold War genealogy with important implications that the lecture explores.

**Joseph Massad** is Associate Professor of Modern Arab Politics and Intellectual History. He is author of *Colonial Effects: The Making of National Identity in Jordan* (Columbia U. Press, 2001) which was based on his dissertation which won the Middle East Studies Association's Malcolm Kerr Award, *The Persistence of the Palestinian Question: Essays on Zionism and the Palestinians* (Routledge 2006) which was translated to Arabic and French in 2009, and *Desiring Arabs* (U. Chicago Press, 2007) which won the Lionel Trilling Award in 2008. *Desiring Arabs* will be coming out in Arabic this summer from Dar al-Shuruq, Cairo. In addition to numerous academic articles, Professor Massad is also a regular contributor of op-ed articles to the Al-Ahram Weekly (Cairo), Al-Akhbar (Beirut), and Al-Jazeera English website (Doha). His articles are translated to numerous languages including Spanish, French, Turkish, Swedish, Farsi, Russian, Japanese, German, Italian, Dutch, and Portuguese. He is currently finishing a book titled *Islam in Liberalism*.



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