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Invitation

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Human Rights in North Africa after the Arab Uprisings: Challenges and Prospects

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The popular uprisings in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region, which started in Tunisia in December 2010 and spread across region, were mainly driven by the failure of the state to respect, protect and ensure human rights. The uprisings were assumed to have provided a context for the re-articulation of human rights in the region. Could these expectations be met after eight years of uprisings? How did the uprisings impact human rights discourses and practices of the countries which have been suspected of being incapable of adjusting international human rights norms? This presentation looks at human rights developments in three major North African countries undergoing transition through the course of uprisings, namely Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco. By addressing the legal and institutional reforms, it covers the challenges and opportunities of human rights protection that these countries face during the transitional process.

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