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**Arab Spring, Arab Winter: Tumult in the Middle East**

by

Lord Michael Williams, Ph.D.

In his lecture Michael Williams will review the cycle of revolt that has rocked the Middle East from the Mahgreb to the Gulf since 2010 revealing a crisis of Arab governance affecting radical and conservative regimes. While authoritarian structures have crumbled in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Yemen, and civil war rages in Syria, it remains unclear how representative governments will fare in the long run as new divisions have arisen between secularists and Islamists, Sunni and Shia, while underlining the vulnerability of non-Muslim minorities.

He will also assess the impact on non-Arab countries in the region including Israel, Iran and Turkey.

Michael Williams is Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) and a Governor of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London.

He is also the International Trustee of the BBC. He was Special Adviser to two UK Foreign Secretaries, Robin Cook and Jack Straw (2000 - 2005).

From 2005 he was Director for the Middle East and Asia in the UN Department of Political Affairs in New York.

In 2007 he was appointed Under Secretary General for the Middle East based in Beirut. In 2011 he was appointed a member of the UK House of Lords. His 1984 PhD. dissertation was an examination of Islam and Revolt in Indonesia.

**Opening:**
Wolfgang Reinicke, Dean, School of Public Policy

**Moderated by:**
Aziz Al-Azmeh, University Professor, School of Historical Interdisciplinary Studies

**Date:**
Friday, April 5, 2013

**Time:**
5:30 p.m.

**Venue:**
CEU Popper room (Budapest V, Nador u. 9)

~ Reception to follow ~

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