

Invite to Breakfast Seminar 14th November 2015

Extremism, Civil War and Instability in the Middle East: Where Will the Current Crisis Lead us to?

The Institute of Leadership & Ethics warmly invites you to a breakfast seminar on

Saturday 14th November 2015
8:30am - 10:30am

If you would like to attend the breakfast, please email Peirong.lin@etf.edu, your name and the number of attendees by the 30th October 2015.

The breakfast program is open to all at no charge although voluntary contributions towards the cost of these events are always welcome.

Abstract

Since 2010 conflict and crisis in the Middle East do not come to an end. What originally started with demonstrations and protests against repressive regimes, in the streets of Tunis and Cairo, has turned into major civil wars in Syria and Iraq, the establishment of an even more repressive military regime in Egypt and the failing of states such as Libya and Yemen. Of all countries, the highest number of extremists traveling to Syria to fight Jihad come from Tunisia, which seemed to be strong enough to push back the influence of extremists in the government. What are the reasons for the current crisis? Does Islam play a role in it or is it purely a matter of politics and misuse of power? Where will the current crisis lead us to?



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