Workshop on Peace for All, Peace for Prosperity, and Peace for the Future!

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SPECIAL LECTURE
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"Where does the Middle East go?: Syria, the Iran-Saudi Relationship and Jerusalem"

Since the time of the Arab Revolt that started in January, 2010, the Middle East has witnessed worsening political, social and economic instability. The Civil War in Syria has become protracted and the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran has intensified. President Trump’s declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel became a source of conflict in the Middle East. The lecture will explain both internal and external factors that have contributed to the widespread instability in the Middle East. In particular, it will touch upon both demographic and developmental problems that the Middle East has faced and will continuously cope with. Among the causes of the growing instability are fragmentation of Arab states on the Palestine question, the demise of the oil economy, the increasing brain drain from the Middle East region, globalization of arms markets, radicalized Islamic groups and the socioeconomic isolation of youth, and the collapse of interdependency in the region. Some future prospects will be discussed at the end of the lecture.

TIMETABLE
13:00-15:00 Session I: Special Lecture
15:00-15:15 Coffee Break
15:15-16:45 Session II: Panel Discussion
16:45-17:00 Closing remarks

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