

**The Department of Justice Studies,  
The College of Humanities and Social Sciences &  
The Global Education Center**

**Present  
A Roundtable Discussion on**

**Egypt in Transition:  
Uprisings, Sharia and the Rule of Law  
from a Critical Perspective**

**Wednesday April 15, 2015  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Montclair State University  
Dickson Hall, Room 274

**Featuring**

**Mohamed Arafa,  
Indiana University**

**Ahmed el Sayed  
Former Public Prosecutor  
(Egypt)**



**Synopsis**

This roundtable discussion will feature Mohamed Arafa, Assistant Professor of Law at Indiana University, and former Public Prosecutor, Ahmed el Sayed who will debate Egypt's transition process. Since the wave of popular upheavals that swept across the Arab world starting in December 2011, Egypt underwent a tumultuous transition. Major turning points during this bumpy democratization process include the mass protests in Tahrir Square, the rule of the Muslim Brotherhood after democratic elections, and the 2013 popular coup ousting President Morsi bringing back a secular, military regime under the leadership of General Abdel Fattah el Sisi. Drawing on these watershed moments during the transition process, both scholars will analyze current socio-legal and socio-political problems, commenting on Egypt's prospect for democratic change. While the debate will center around questions of sharia law and human rights, the guests will also address Egypt's role across the region and its relationship to the United States. The discussion will be moderated by Montclair State faculty, Arnaud Kurze.



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