Organization, Uprising, and the Anti-state state

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The events of 2011 in Arab Africa and Arab Asia present the opportunity to consider how American Studies scholars might usefully re-organize thinking about causality, toward the goal of reinvigorating internationalism as a condition of existence and category of analysis. In my talk I will focus on a few key themes -- organization, uprising, and what I've termed "the anti-state state" -- to theorize how lessons learned from Arab spring might usefully compel structural revision to contemporary understanding of the ground and method of scholarship and struggle in the Americas, particularly the US.