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## **AUB to hold workshop on the potential transition to democracy from socio-economic perspective**

Beirut, Lebanon- 30/04/2012 - The Institute of Financial Economics at the American University of Beirut and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung will be holding a workshop on “The potential transition to democracy in the Arab Region: Underlying Factors and Prospects” on May 4, 2012, from 9am to 2pm, in West Hall, Auditorium A.

### **Full schedule below:**

#### **Welcome and Introduction: 9:00 –9:10 a.m.**

Simon Neaime, American University of Beirut  
Martin Beck, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung  
Samir Makdisi, American University of Beirut

#### **First Session: the Emerging Picture, 9:10-10:40 a.m.**

Chair: Simon Neaime, American University of Beirut

Samir Makdisi, American University of Beirut

**“A year after the initial breakthroughs: where does the region stand?”**

Ibrahim Elbadawi , Research Fellow at the Center for Global Development

**“Shaking the autocratic foundations: overall view of the politico-economic factors pushing for transition”**

Martin Beck, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

#### **Comments**

General Discussion

*Coffee Break.*

**Second Session: Lessons from the popular Arab uprisings: peaceful vs violent uprisings/foreign interventions, 10-50 a.m.- 12:20 p.m.**

Chair: Wassim Shahin, Lebanese American University

Youssef Choueiri , Institute of Palestinian Studies  
**“Lessons from the Tunisian and Egyptian uprisings “**

Youssef El Khalil, Bank of Lebanon and AUB  
**“Lessons from the other Arab uprisings: Libya, Syria and Yemen**

Sari Hanafi:. American University of Beirut  
**Comments**

General Discussion

*Coffee break*

**Third Session: the Road Ahead , 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Chair: Ibrahim Elbadawi, Research Fellow at the Center for Global Development

Marcus Marktanner, Kennesaw State University, USA  
**“Will the successful uprisings lead to the consolidation of democratic transformation ?”**

Atif Kubursi, McMaster University, Canada  
**“The impact of regional conflicts on democratic transformation in the region**

Ghassan Dibeh, Lebanese American University  
**Comments**

General Discussion

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