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Revolutions in the Arab World: What Will Emerge?  
Panel discussion at Lock Haven University

As the world news is dominated by revolutions and civil unrest in the Arab world, more and more Americans are wondering what will happen next, where it is likely to happen, and what the effects will be.

Lock Haven University will host a panel discussion on “Revolutions in the Arab World: What Will Emerge?” Speakers representing a variety of perspectives will discuss recent events and their possible impact on the region and the world. The discussion will take place on Thursday, September 8 in Hamblin Hall of Flags from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

The panelists are all scholars whose expertise is in the history and politics of that area of the world. Discussing the challenges facing these emergent democracies will be panelists Dr. Mongi Bahoul, University of Sfax, Tunisia (retired); Dr. Lawrence T. Farley, LHU professor of political science; Dr. Laird Jones, LHU professor of history; and Dr. David L. White, LHU history professor and interim provost. They will discuss intersecting issues such as the control of oil reserves, fear of Islamic extremism, domino effects on nearby nations, tribal unification, and the impact on the Israeli-Palestinian problem.

LHU Professor of Psychology James Bean stressed the global impact of recent events and the importance of the upcoming panel discussion. “Observers all over the world were stunned at the rapid pace of removal of autocrats in the Arab world over the past few months lubricated by the use of social media and the ‘youth bulge,’ as it is called in these countries.” He cited the crucial question that is yet to be answered: “Will these they fall back into autocracy, devolve into civil war, or make that long difficult trek to democracy and pluralism?” He concluded, “This will be recorded as a critical period in history.”

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