Course Objectives
The Egyptian judiciary today finds itself at the center of many of the most fundamental challenges facing post-Mubarak Egypt: drafting a new constitution, grappling with the role Sharia should play, balancing popular opinion with the need to protect the rights of women and religious minorities, reforming the security sector, and establishing order and the rule of law conducive to restoring a stable environment for business, tourism and foreign investment. This symposium brings together leading academic experts on the Egyptian legal system to interact with personnel from a wide array of USG agencies that are working to better understand the rapidly shifting legal landscape in Egypt and chart future USG initiatives to assist the Egyptians in reforming their legal system. The symposium is intended to spark lively discussion among USG agencies and between USG personnel and the academic community.

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“Interagency Symposium on the Egyptian Judiciary and Legal Reform”

8:15-8:30 Registration

8:30-10:15 The Egyptian Judiciary in the Vortex
Speaker: Dr. Nathan Brown, George Washington University
Commentators: Dr. Mahmoud Hamad, Drake University
Dr. Bruce Rutherford, Colgate University

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:45 Sharia and the Influence of the Muslim Brotherhood and al-Azhar
Speaker: Dr. Joshua Stacher, Woodrow Wilson Center and Kent State University
Commentator: Osama Wahba, University of South Carolina

12:00-1:00 Interagency Networking Lunch

1:00-2:30 NGOs, Civil Society, and Protecting the Rights of Women and Copts
Speaker: Dr. Michele Dunne, Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council
Commentator: Neil Hicks, Human Rights First

2:30-3:15 Civil-Military Relations and Reform of the Security Police
Speaker: Dr. Steven Cook, Council on Foreign Relations
Commentator: Dr. Mahmoud Hamad, Drake University

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-4:15 Legal Reform, the Economy and the Business Environment
Speaker: Abdu Alkebsi, Center for International Private Enterprise
Commentator: Megan McMillan, U.S. Department of Commerce

4:15-5:00 Unanswered Questions and the Way Forward
Discussion Leader: Dr. Bruce Rutherford, Colgate University