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Dear colleagues and friends,

With this short newsbrief I would like to draw your attention to a high-level workshop that FES New York is organizing together with the EastWest Institute on the ongoing political transformations in the Middle East and their implications for the wider security dynamic. Among the speakers are Hossein Mousavian, formerly head of the Foreign Relations Committee of Iran's National Security Council, Ephraim Sneh, a former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defence, and Rolf Mützenich, the spokesperson for foreign affairs in the German Bundestag of the Social Democratic Party (SPD).

Please let us know if you wish to attend.

With best wishes from New York,



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Upcoming Event (by invitation only):


"The Changing Middle East: Implications for Regional and Global Politics"

July 11, 2012, 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Millennium UN Plaza Hotel (Ballroom, 2nd floor), One United Nations Plaza,
New York

The recent turmoil in the Middle East has added an unsettled new dynamic to the long-standing policy challenges in the region. Against the backdrop of perennial concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions and capabilities and the Middle East peace process, key regional and international actors are grappling with how to address these new instabilities while assuring regional allies and domestic constituencies that the new dynamic does not need to lead to a further, and possibly irreparable, escalation of tension. To help clarify the key issues and explore policy options in the region, FES New York and the [EastWest Institute](#) will host this workshop with experts from and on the region. The objective is to engage the New York policy community, especially at the United Nations, and foster a dialogue that looks beyond the common rhetoric to what the international community and regional actors might do.

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