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Abstract

From Amnesty International to Right to Nonviolence: A Middle East experience in the Arab Spring

I will be drawing in the presentation on my experience of the Middle East Revolution aka The Arab Spring through the prism of Right to Nonviolence, a small NGO founded just before the outbreak of the momentous events in Tunisia in 2011. The NGO has worked on three main themes through the revolution: nonviolence, constitutionalism, and judicial accountability. The focus of the talk is on the message of nonviolence in the Middle East, its origins, its long-term objectives, and mostly on its constituencies.