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The Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED) and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), in cooperation with Georgetown University, present a dialogue with the next generation:

Rediscovering Multilateralism: Toward a Cooperative Approach to Middle East Reform

In his recent addresses in Strasbourg and Istanbul, President Obama called for a new partnership among a new generation of leaders, with the goal of forging "common solutions to our common problems." With the arrival of a new US administration there is newfound hope that multilateral diplomatic efforts could be reinvigorated to address common concerns, including a coordinated effort to encourage democratic development in the Middle East. Nonetheless, many questions remain.

Is there a common set of values, held by Middle Easterners, Europeans, and Americans alike, which might point the way to new opportunities for cooperation? Do we share a common set of interests in human development, including human rights and representative governance? And if so, what are these common values and interests? Where do our concerns diverge?

Next week, fifteen European, American, and Middle Eastern leaders will gather for an intensive workshop to explore the future of multilateral action toward reform in the Middle East.

Please join us Friday, May 22nd for a luncheon discussion of their initial findings, with presentations from:

Nora Younis, Journalist and Blogger, Almasry Alyoum ("The Egyptian Today")

David Adesnik, Writer, Doublethink Magazine

Amir Motahari, European Commission, Directorate-General for External Relations
(To be confirmed)

Moderated by **Knut Panknin**,
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**Friday, May 22, 2009
12:00pm - 2:00pm**

**Georgetown University
ICC, 7th Floor, Executive Conference Room
37th and O Streets, NW
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