



The Project on Middle East Democracy and the SAIS International Development Program present:

Islamist Political Participation and Democratic Development: The Cases of Turkey and Morocco

Does the inclusion of moderate Islamist political parties strengthen democratic institutions in the Middle East and North Africa? Or does it threaten them? The recent elections in Morocco and Turkey offer new context in which to consider the viability and desirability of incorporating moderate Islamist parties into the political arena.

Please join us for a discussion with:

Geneive Abdo, Century Foundation Fellow; Author of *No God but God: Egypt and the Triumph of Islam* and *Answering Only to God: Faith and Freedom in 21st Century Iran.*

Anthony Chang, Deputy Director for the Europe Division of the International Republican Institute (IRI), oversees IRI's Turkey program from Washington.

Matthew Frumin, Senior Advisor, National Democratic Institute (NDI); Member of recent international mission to assess and monitor this month's elections in Morocco.

Moderated by Shadi Hamid, Research Director, Project on Middle East Democracy.

Thursday, September 27, 2007 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Bernstein-Offit Building, Room 500

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Light lunch will be served. Please bring photo ID for admission.