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“The Middle East in Upheaval: Interpreting and Predicting”



SPEAKER

Professor Daniel Pipes
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Daniel Pipes is president of the Middle East Forum. His bi-weekly column appears regularly in the *Washington Times* and in newspapers around the globe, including the *Israel Hayom* (Israel), *La Razón* (Spain), *L'Opinione* (Italy), *National Post* (Canada), and the *Australian*. His special interests include the role of Islam in public life, Turkey, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and U.S. foreign policy. His website, DanielPipes.org, offers an archive of his work and an opportunity to sign up to receive e-mails of his current writings. With 69 million page visits, it is of the Internet's most accessed sources of specialized information on the Middle East and Muslim history. He tweets at @DanielPipes. He received his A.B. (1971) and Ph.D. (1978) from Harvard University, both in history, and spent six years studying abroad, including three years in Egypt. Mr. Pipes speaks French, and reads Arabic and German. He has taught at Harvard, Pepperdine, the U.S. Naval War College, and the University of Chicago. He has been affiliated with Princeton and Stanford universities. He served in various capacities in the U.S. government, including two presidentially-appointed positions, vice chairman of the Fulbright Board of Foreign Scholarships and board member of the U.S. Institute of Peace. He was director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, 1986-93. Mr. Pipes discusses current issues on television on such U.S. programs as *ABC World News*, *Crossfire*, *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, *O'Reilly Factor*, *PBS NewsHour*, and *The Today Show*. He has appeared on leading television networks around the globe, including the BBC and Al-Jazeera, and has lectured in 25 countries. He has publicly debated leading figures, including Noam Chomsky and Ken Livingstone.

Abstract:

Four tyrants overturned and three states destroyed; that's the result so far of upheavals in the Middle East since 2011. In a *tour d'horizon*, I offer background to these developments, analyze their significance, and make predictions. In brief: Iranian centrifuges whirl, ISIS appalls and astonishes, the Islamist surge seems stronger than ever but shows major weaknesses, anarchy advances, Kurdistan emerges, Turkey goes rogue, Egypt teeters, America recedes, and Israel stands out ever-more as a "villa in the jungle."

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