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Emne: DIIS seminar 25 May "Changes in the North Africa & Middle East - Tunisia's Transition to Democracy"

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and the University of Copenhagen have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar with Tunisia's Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation on:

Changes in the North Africa & Middle East –  
Tunisia's Transition to Democracy  
Friday, 25 May 2012, 9.45-12.00  
University of Copenhagen  
Njalsgade 120  
Building 22, room 011  
(Entrance from Emil Holms Kanal/Njalsgade).

#### Background

Since the popular uprising in December 2010, Tunisia has undergone dramatic political changes. After the first ever free and fair elections in October 2011, a coalition government headed by the Ennahda party was formed and is currently responsible for addressing some of Tunisia's many political and economic challenges and potentials.

The seminar will explore the nature and current status of the potentials and challenges that Tunisia faces in its transition to democracy – as well as the ways and means by which foreign actors such as Denmark and the European Union can address and support the transition process.

#### Programme

- 09.45-10.30   Arrival and Coffee
- 10.30-10.35   Welcome  
[Rikke Hostrup Haugbølle](#), PhD Student, University of Copenhagen
- 10.35-10.55   Tunisia's Transition to Democracy: Current Status, Challenges and Potentials  
Rafik Ben Abdessalem, Tunisian Minister for Foreign Affairs and member of the Ennahda Party
- 10.55-11.15   Changes in the North Africa and Middle East: Impressions One Year After  
[Christian Friis Bach](#), Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and member of the Social Liberal Party
- 11.15-12.00   Questions from the Audience

Moderator: [Julie Pruzan-Jørgensen](#), Project Researcher, DIIS

## Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English. Participation is free of charge, but registration is required.

Please note that the doors will be closed at 10.30. Entry to the auditorium will not be possible during the seminar.

Please register by mail to [rikhostrup@hum.ku.dk](mailto:rikhostrup@hum.ku.dk) by writing "Tunisia" in the subject line and your name and institution, no later than Wednesday, 23 May at 12.00.

Sincerely,

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