

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD) in cooperation with the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute (DEDI) have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on:

Political Parties in Democratic Transitions:  
What Way forward in Egypt?  
Thursday, 27 September 2012, 13.00-16.00  
Mogens Dahl Koncert Sal  
Snorresgade 22  
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## Background

During transitional periods, political parties have to make the political system work and start to deliver on some of the expectations that the public has invested in them. The Egyptian political parties are facing a lot of challenges. The electoral process showed that there was a demand for capacity development, especially among the newly established parties. The political party map of Egypt is still in state of flux with new parties emerging. Furthermore, the political parties are distracted by the ongoing power struggle between the Supreme Council of Armed Forces (SCAF), the Muslim Brotherhood and the revolutionaries. What will be the answers of the political parties to these challenges - what way will they take in this process?

The study "Political Parties and Democratic Transitions" made for DIPD by Global Partners & Associates shows interesting findings from the transitions in Indonesia, Turkey, Serbia and South Africa that might be relevant for the political parties in Egypt and in other transition countries such as Myanmar. The publication shows that despite every country and every transition has its own distinctiveness, four themes emerge that reflect the common, often very practical challenges for parties: building a political organization, establishing constructive dialogue between political parties, negotiating space for democratic politics with the former regime, and responding to and shaping voter expectations.

## Speakers

[Greg Power](#), Director, Global Partners  
[Noha El-Mikawy](#), Representative, Ford Foundation, Cairo  
[Amr Hamzawy](#), Founding member, Egypt Freedom Party  
Amr Darrag, Member of Parliament, Freedom and Justice Party (Tbc)  
[Bjørn Førde](#), Director, DIPD  
[Helle Malmvig](#), Senior Researcher, DIIS

## Programme

More details about the speakers and the seminar are available on our [website](#).

## Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our [online registration form](#) no later than Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at 12.00 noon.

Please await confirmation by e-mail from DIIS for participation.

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