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Women and the Arab Spring: The inaugural Australian-Arab women's dialogue

Monday 18 March 2013 5.30-7pm, reception from 5-5.30pm

Discussion with Arab women leaders and moderated by award winning ABC journalist **Virginia Haussegger**

Molonglo Lecture Theatre Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing



Since early 2011, the world has been transfixed by the momentous changes occurring in the Middle East as a result of what has become known as the 'Arab Spring'. Women have played prominent roles in the Arab Spring and historical efforts to secure basic rights, equity and justice.

In 2013 Australia is hosting the inaugural Australian-Arab Women's Dialogue. The Dialogue brings to Australia emerging women leaders from Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Iraq, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. The women delegates are from diverse backgrounds and are making significant contributions to their emerging democracies. All occupy positions of leadership in areas such as the media, human rights, politics, NGOs, business, film-making and medicine.

In this event, three of these trail-blazing women will discuss the achievements of women in the Middle East, the role of women in the Arab Spring, and challenges for the future:

Minoush Abdel-Meguid: a prominent activist during the Tahrir Square uprising in Cairo

Rana Husseini: an internationally recognised and award-winning Jordanian journalist

Hanaa Edwar: a leading human rights, women's rights and democracy activist in Iraq for more than 40 years

The discussion will be moderated by Virginia Haussegger, award winning journalist and face of ABC news, author and commentator.

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