**Panel Discussion Featuring: Tariq Ramadan, Glenn Greenwald, M. Cherif Bassiouni and Jennifer Pitts**

The  uprisings of the Arab Spring, and the prolonged nature of the internal  conflicts in Libya and Syria, have once again sparked debate over the  status of international law and the use of military intervention to  enforce human rights. However, the discourse over humanitarian intervention has often overlooked the more unsavory aspects of liberal  thought and Western power politics. This panel will explore the  fundamental problems concerning Neo-Liberalism and its connections to  the development of Neo-Orientalist thought. The panel will begin with Professor Pitts providing the historical foundations of liberal thought  and its relationship with the colonialist ventures of Western European  nations; Professor Bassiouni will then discuss the development of  international law in the post-World War era and its use as an instrument  to advance the strategic goals of great powers of the Cold War Era; Mr.  Greenwald will then contextualize the use of international law and  humanitarian intervention to justify U.S. involvement in foreign  countries, especially in the Middle East, as well as advance U.S. geo-political strategy in the post-Cold War Era; and it will conclude  with a discussion by Professor Ramadan on the academic study of  Orientalism, the rise of Neo-Orientalism in conjunction with  Neo-Liberalism, and influence of Neo-Orientalist thought in the  formation of Neo-Liberalism and political policies towards the Middle  East and beyond.

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