

appointed as President of the National Council of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs.

**Brian Lynch** has had forty years experience in the New Zealand public and private sectors. Almost half that time was spent in the New Zealand diplomatic service, including postings in New York, Singapore and London. Subsequently he was the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Transport. From 1992 to 2003 he was CEO of the association of New Zealand meat companies. Mr Lynch is currently Chair of the New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority, Chair of Refugee Services Aotearoa, Chair of Education Wellington International, and for the past eight years Director of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. He is a board member of two small private companies. In 2004 Mr Lynch was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for public service. Mr Lynch is a graduate of the University of Canterbury with double Honours degrees.

**Hon Murray McCully** is New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for the Rugby World Cup. He entered Parliament in the 1987 General election and was first appointed a Minister in October 1991. He has held the Customs, Housing, Tourism, ACC, and Sport, Fitness and Leisure (including responsibility for the America's Cup and Millennium events) portfolios. He holds an LLB and is a qualified barrister and solicitor.

**Tim Niblock** is Professor of Arab Gulf Studies, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at Exeter University, writing on a wide range of areas related to the politics, economics and international relations of the Arab and Islamic worlds. With a PhD in International Relations from the University of Sussex, he has also lectured at the University of Khartoum and University of Durham. Proficient in Arabic, French, German, and Kiswahili, his central concern has been the political economy of the states of the Arab world, the international relations of the Middle Eastern region, Islam and the state, and issues relating to civil society and democratisation in Arab and Islamic states. Currently he is writing most on Saudi Arabia.

**Dr. Nigel Parsons** is Senior Lecturer in the Politics Programme at Massey University in Palmerston North. His research focuses on Palestinian institutions. He is currently researching Israeli biopolitics through the policies of closure, colonisation and policing, plus related institutional change within the Palestinian Authority and Fatah. Dr. Parsons teaches Introduction to Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, Israel and the Arab World, plus modules on Iran and the Sudan in Contemporary International Conflict. His recent book is entitled '*The Politics of the Palestinian Authority: From Oslo to al-Aqsa*'.

**Dr Weshah Razzak** is a Senior Economist at the Department of Labour with an interest in International Macroeconomics and Econometrics. In the past two years he has written on the economics of Middle East and North African countries. He has worked for the Reserve Bank and been President of the New Zealand Association of Economists. He received his doctorate in Economics from North Carolina State University where he lectured in Macroeconomics. He has also been a research fellow at the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Institute for Monetary Research and at IGIER at Bocconi University in Milan.

**Suse Reynolds** career began at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade where she was employed in the Legal Division and worked on international trade issues. Her ten year career at the Ministry included three years working for the Foreign Minister and a posting to London where she was New Zealand's trade and economic representative. Suse left the Ministry on her return to New Zealand in 2000 and shortly afterwards took up the role of Executive Director of the Trade

Liberalisation Network where she promoted the benefits of free trade for three years. In 2004 Suse began work for the regional economic development agency, Positively Wellington Business as General Manager Investment and was subsequently appointed to the Chief Operating Officer role. During her time at what was to become Grow Wellington, Suse became interested in angel investment helping to set up Wellington's first angel club, Angel HQ. She currently sits on the Board of Angel HQ and is a New Zealand Angel Association council member.

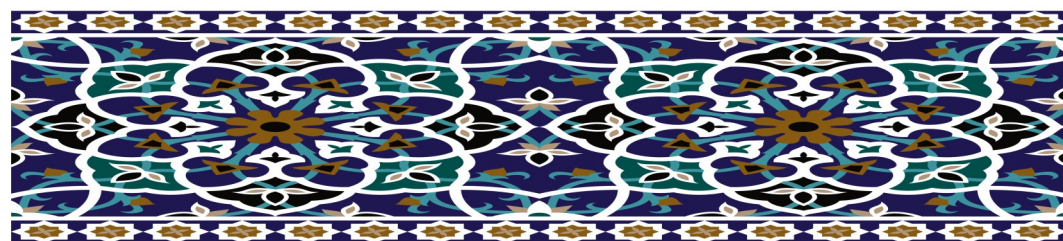
**Professor Roberto Rabel** has been Pro Vice-Chancellor, International at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) since mid-2006. His role involves overseeing the University's internationalisation strategies and activities. He holds a BA Honours in History and International Politics from VUW and a PhD in American diplomatic history from Duke University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar. From 1986 to 2000, Professor Rabel taught in the History Department at the University of Otago before moving into management roles there. He is the author or editor of over 35 books and articles, primarily in the fields of American and European diplomatic history or New Zealand diplomatic and military history, including *Between East and West: Trieste, the United States and the Cold War, 1941-1954* (1988), *Europe Without Walls* (1991) and *New Zealand and the Vietnam War: Politics and Diplomacy* (2005). He is Vice-President of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, New Zealand Co-Chair of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, a Trustee of the Great Mekong Subregion Tertiary Education Consortium, and Chair of the Advisory Board for the Victoria Institute for Links with Latin America.

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**Anthony Scott** is a history and politics graduate of the University of Waikato; he has been a strategic communications adviser to major public and private organisations in the UK and New Zealand, and since 2001 been chief executive of Science New Zealand (the peak body for the Crown Research Institutes).

**Dr Jon Tanner** is currently Chief Executive of the Wood Processors Association of NZ. Previously Chief Executive, Organics New Zealand (2007-2010), 2005-2007 International Director, Ministry of Science & Technology (MoRST), Environment Policy Manager, UK Environment Agency 2003-2005. Advisor UK Department of International Development 1999-2003. Extensive work experience in West Africa and Southeast Asia. A contributor to the NZIIA 75th Anniversary seminar programme.

**Eyal Zisser** is Professor and the Director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies and the Head of the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University. With a PhD from Tel Aviv University, he has been a visiting professor in Cornell University and a visiting research fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Zisser writes extensively on the history and modern politics of Syria and Lebanon, Hizballah, Syrian support of Palestinian terrorist factions, Iranian involvement in anti-Israeli terror, and the overall Arab-Israeli conflict. Among his recent publications are: '*Faces of Syria*' and '*Commanding Syria, Bashars al-Asad's First years in Power*'.



# 'THE ARAB SPRING': Its Origins, Implications, and Outlook

Tuesday, 2 August 2011  
Turnbull House, 11 Bowen Street, Wellington

For the past seven months international attention has been focussed on the extraordinary events unfolding in the Middle East and across North Africa. Undeniably it would seem a process of fundamental change is taking place. One that is not externally inspired but inwardly driven with the pursuit of self-determination at its core. Also one that few observers had forecast was imminent in the region's turbulent history.

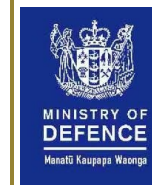
The phenomenon that has become known as 'The Arab Spring' is not of incidental or passing interest to New Zealand. For reasons to do with trade and investment, strategic and security considerations, and cultural and religious affinities, the region is one of close concern to us. What happens there does matter, demonstrably so, to New Zealand and individual New Zealanders.

For that reason the NZIIA has brought together for this event a high profile group of participants from overseas and from within New Zealand, recognised for their specialist knowledge of the Middle East and of particular countries in the region.

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## Morning Programme

8.15am **Registration**

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8.30am **Welcome remarks**  
Hon Sir Douglas Kidd, President NZIIA

8.35am **Opening address**  
Hon Murray McCully, New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Chair: Dr Rod Alley NZIIA**

9.10 am **Session one:** Moderator: Dr Nigel Parsons, Massey University  
Political and Economic Institutions: Theory and Practice: The Arab Spring  
Dr Weshah Razzak, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait

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10.15am **Coffee break**

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10.35am **Session two:** Moderator: Ms Suse Reynolds, NZIIA  
The Third Arab Awakening  
Prof. Amin Saikal, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

11.25am **Session three:** Moderator: Dr Helen Anderson, NZIIA  
Syria and Lebanon Prof Bill Harris, University of Otago, New Zealand

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12.15pm **Lunch**

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## Afternoon Programme

**Chair: Prof. Roberto Rabel, NZIIA National Vice-President**

1.00pm **Session four:** Moderator: Ms Catherine Beard, Business New Zealand  
2011: The Arab World's 1989 or 1848?  
Prof. Mark N Katz, George Mason University, Virginia, USA

1.50pm **Session five:** Moderator: Anthony Scott, Science New Zealand/NZIIA  
The New Fatah/Hamas Unity Government and the Future of Gaza  
Prof. Dov Bing, University of Waikato, New Zealand

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2.45pm **Coffee break**

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3.05pm **Session six:** Moderator: Prof. Bill Harris, University of Otago  
The Arabian Peninsula: A Perspective  
Prof. Tim Niblock, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

4.00pm **Session seven:** Moderator: Dr Jon Tanner, Wood Processors Association/NZIIA  
Israel and Close Neighbours Prof. Eyal Zisser, University of Tel Aviv, Israel

4.45pm **Concluding remarks**  
Brian Lynch, Director NZIIA

5.00pm **Finish**

5.30pm **Public forum**  
**Lecture Theatre One (tbc), Government Building, Law School, Victoria University  
Pipitea Campus, Wellington**

Moderator: Dr Nigel Parsons, Massey University  
Participants: Professors Katz, Niblock, Saikal, and Zisser

## Contributors

**Roderic Alley** was previously Associate Professor in Political Science and International relations at Victoria University of Wellington. He is a Vice President of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, and has authored several books and academic articles on New Zealand's foreign relations, the contemporary Pacific, the United Nations, disarmament and conflict analysis. He now teaches a course on New Zealand's foreign relations in the Victoria University's School of Government Master of Strategic Studies programme. In 2004, he published *Internal Conflict and the International Community: Wars without End?* with Ashgate Press UK. Currently he is editing Volume IV in the survey series of New Zealand's foreign relations (1990-2005) for the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs.

**Catherine Beard** is Executive Director of Export NZ and Manufacturing, divisions of Business NZ, New Zealand's largest business advocacy group, representing thousands of businesses of all sizes. Catherine works with government and other key decision makers on issues of concern to exporters and manufacturers. Catherine has spent the last 20 years as a lobbyist and advocate for a wide range of industries on a wide range of issues, most recently on climate change issues for the energy intensive sector and prior to that for the insurance sector and the agricultural sector. Catherine was also a founder of a start up business designing and manufacturing children's nursery furniture, for which two products won national design awards.

**Dov Bing** is professor at the University of Waikato. He gained his BSocSc from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem and his MA and PhD from the University of Auckland. His research and teaching interests are in international relations, comparative government, and public policy. In area studies his particular interests are China, the Middle East, and the European Union.

**William Harris** is Professor and HOD, Department of Politics, University of Otago. William has written three sole-authored books on Middle Eastern affairs, as well as a wide variety of book chapters and academic articles on both the eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. His latest book, *The Levant: A Fractured Mosaic* (Markus Wiener, Princeton 2003 and 2005) won an Outstanding Academic Title award from Choice magazine in the US. William is currently working on *A History of Lebanon, 640-2005* for Oxford University Press in New York. Research

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**Tom Kennedy** joined MFAT in 2006 after completing degrees in both law and political science at Otago University. In his political science degree he specialised in Middle East studies. After periods in Pacific and the UN and Commonwealth Divisions, with a period as a delegate to the UN in New York, Tom was posted to Ankara in January 2010 to take up a newly established position in the Embassy focussing on New Zealand's relations with Israel, Jordan and the oPt. Tom has made ten trips to the region in the last 18 months, including to the West Bank and Sinai, meeting regularly with political figures, officials, media commentators, academics, resident diplomats and representatives of International Organisations.

**The Honourable Sir Douglas Kidd** was educated at Victoria University, where he graduated with an LLB in 1964, and practised as a barrister and solicitor until 1979, when he was elected to Parliament as the Member for Marlborough in 1978. Between 1980 and 1990, he chaired a number of parliamentary select committees and caucus committees. He served as Minister of State-Owned Enterprises, Minister of Fisheries, and Associate Minister of Finance, and he also chaired the Cabinet Expenditure Control Committee; Minister of Māori Affairs. He was made Speaker in 1996 and became a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in June 2000, and accepted the equivalent honour of a knighthood (KNZM) when returned to the honours system in 2009. In June 2010 he was