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Islam and Democracy after the Arab Spring

a talk by (in English)

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Words of welcome by
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Introduction by
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This talk is part of an international research conference organized by the Working Group on Democracy and hosted by the Austrian Research Association. The conference "Democracy and Islam" aims at discussing the relationship between 'Islam' and 'democracy', which has become an ever more important political issue both in academic scholarship and public debate in many Western countries. Dr. Esposito's public lecture will address this relationship in the post-Arab Spring context.

For further information on the conference, the program, and publications, see www.oefg.at

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