

The Political Science Department at Missouri State University
invites you to attend a panel discussion on

A New Middle East?
Assessing the Arab Uprisings After Three Years

Friday, November 15th
3:00-5:00pm

Library Auditorium 101

Panelists

Dr. Jeff VanDenBerg

Professor of Political Science and Director of Middle East Studies at Drury University. His research focuses on the intersection of domestic politics and foreign policy in the Middle East, with a particular emphasis on Jordan and Egypt. He is a former Fulbright Fellow to Slovenia and a founding member of the Middle East Studies Association's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies.

Dr. David Romano

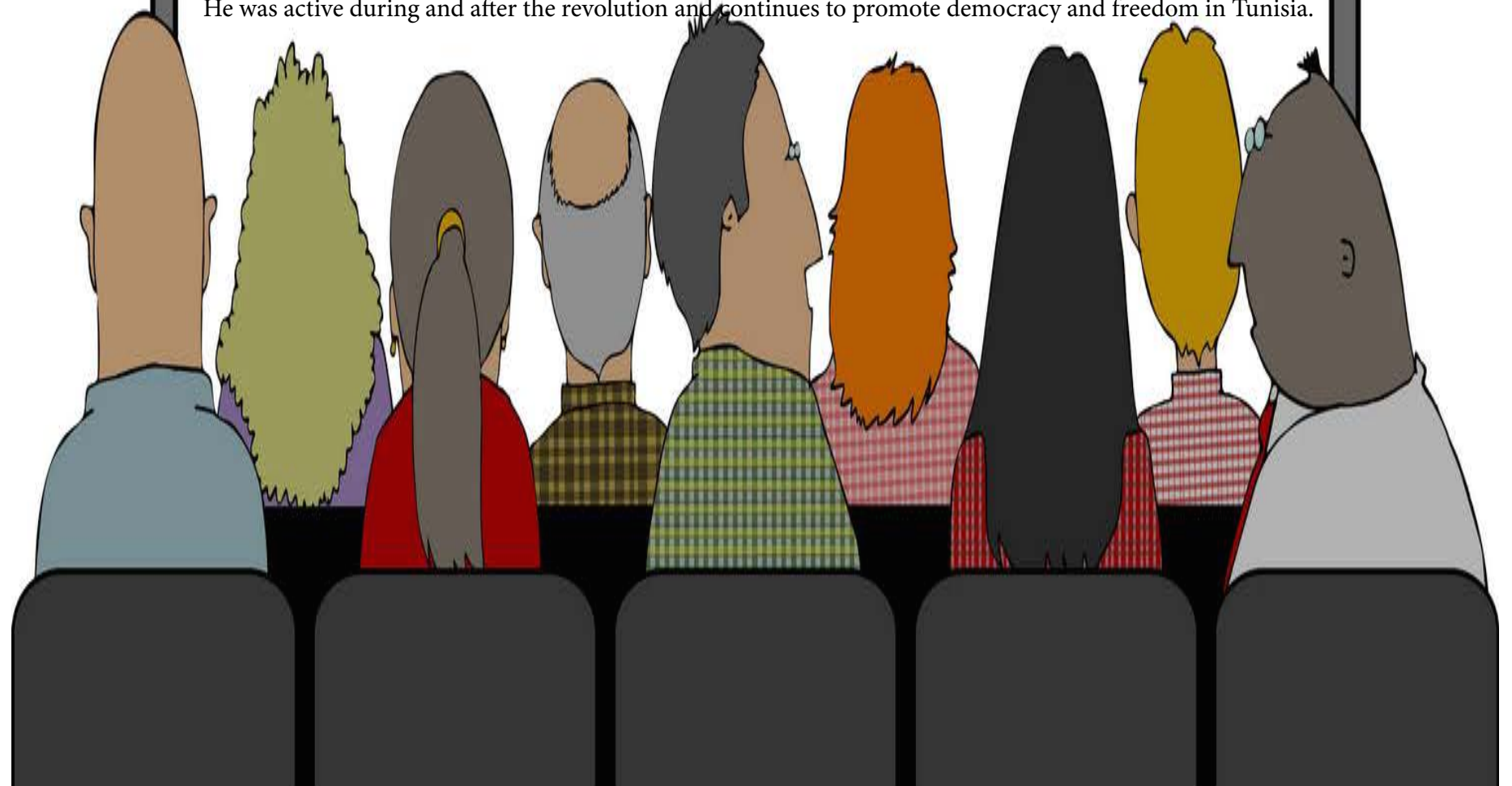
holds the Thomas G. Strong Chair in Middle East Politics at Missouri State University. He is the author of *The Kurdish Nationalist Movement* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and his work has also appeared in journals such as *International Affairs*, *The Oxford Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *International Studies Perspectives*, the *Middle East Journal* and *Ethnopolitics*.

Dr. Serdar Poyraz

is Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Missouri State University. His research focuses on the social and intellectual history of the late Ottoman Empire and early Turkish Republic. His research languages include Modern Turkish, Ottoman language and Persian.

Dhia Ben Ali

is currently completing his MA in Political Science and Middle East Studies at the University of Arkansas, focusing on the role of NGOs in advancing democracy in Arab Spring countries. Dhia was formally a program officer with the International Republican Institute in Tunisia, in the political parties and civil society program. He was active during and after the revolution and continues to promote democracy and freedom in Tunisia.



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Please join us for this timely discussion and Q&A session

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