

## Mershon Center for International Security Studies

presents a speaker series on

# Islam and Democracy



Noon, Tuesday, April 24, 2007

### **Daniel Brumberg**

*"Islamists and Non-Islamists: Prospects for Coalition Building"*

**Daniel Brumberg** is Associate Professor of Government at Georgetown University and Special Advisor to the United States Institute of Peace. Brumberg is author of *Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran* (University of Chicago Press, 2001), and co-editor, with Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, of *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East*, (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003). He is currently at work on a study of Islamists and power sharing in the Middle East and South East Asia.



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### **Marina Ottaway**

*"Democracy in the Middle East: Is It Happening?"*

**Marina Ottaway** is Director of the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she specializes in democracy and post-conflict reconstruction issues. She is also Senior Associate in the Democracy and Rule of Law Project, a research endeavor that analyzes the state of democracy around the world and the efforts by the United States and other countries to promote it. Her most recent book, *Uncharted Journey: Democracy Promotion in the Middle East*, was published in 2005.

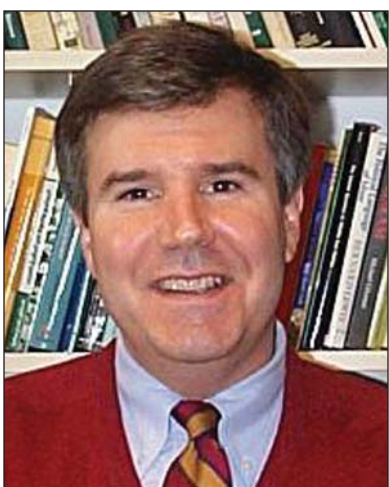


Noon, Thursday, May 10, 2007

### **Ulil Abshar-Abdalla**

*"Is God Subject to Vote? Islam, Democracy and Religious Pluralism in Indonesia"*

**Ulil Abshar-Abdalla** is a founder of Jaringan Islam Liberal (Liberal Islam Network, widely known in Indonesia as JIL), which he began as a response to the rising trend of Islamic conservatism after the collapse of the authoritarian regime of Suharto in May 1998. He is also a director of the Freedom Institute and Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of Free Flow of Information (ISAI), a non-governmental organization that advocates freedom of expression and free press in Indonesia.



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### **F. Gregory Gause**

*"Oil and Democratic Prospects in the Persian Gulf States"*

**F. Gregory Gause** is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Middle East Studies Program at the University of Vermont. His research focuses on the international politics of the Middle East, especially the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian/Arabian Gulf. He is author of *Oil Monarchies: Domestic and Security Challenges in the Arab Gulf States* (Council on Foreign Relations Press, 1994), and *Saudi-Yemeni Relations: Domestic Structures and Foreign Influence* (Columbia University Press, 1990).

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