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# The Media and Political Transformation in the Arab World

In 2011, civil uprisings that begun in Tunisia and Egypt developed into a wave of protests throughout North Africa and the Middle East. Social media spread dialogue like wildfire; bringing citizens together, giving a voice to the discontent, and disrupting political powers that had long been seen as stagnant. A distinguished panel of experts will discuss the power of social media to impact political change.



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Panelists include: **Lawrence Pintak**, founding dean of The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University, former CBS News Middle East correspondent, and author of *The New Arab Journalist* (2011); **David Faris**, Professor of Political Science & Public Administration at Roosevelt University in Chicago, director of the interdisciplinary International Studies Program, and author of *Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt* (2013); and **Deen Freelon**, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at American University, expert on political communication as it relates to citizen expression via digital technologies and author of the *Blogs & Bullets* series (2014, 2012).

**Wednesday, April 23**  
**4 – 5:30pm**  
**305 Bryan Hall**