

# The 4 1st Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists of North America (AMSS)

## Religious Dimensions of Democratization Processes in Muslim-Majority Nations

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#### **Luncheon Keynote Address**

[Luncheon Venue: Yale Divinity School 409 Prospect Street – Common Room]

## Speaker: Prof. Juan R. I. Cole

Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

## "The Arab Spring and Democracy"

Prof. Juan's address will ask what social and political forces drove the upheavals in the Arab world of 2011-2012, what accounts for their successes and failures, and what achievements they have accomplished so far.

#### **Four Panel Sessions Examine:**

- The Arab Spring: A Revolution Towards Democracy
- Religion, Politics and Economics: Developing a Consensus Paradigm
- Moving Beyond the Arab Spring: Challenges to Democracy, Identity, Social Justice and Freedom in the Arab World
- Confrontation, Reconciliation and Empowerment

#### **Conference Venue:**

[Yale Divinity School – Niebuhr Hall 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511] Time: 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Program Chair:

Ambassador Sallama Shaker, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT