

OSTROM WORKSHOP **TOCQUEVILLE LECTURE SERIES**

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“Promoting Democracy in the Arab World”

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Global and International Studies Bldg., room 1100



Should the United States try to promote democracy in the Arab world? Do we know how to do so effectively, when extremists may take advantage of any political opening? Abrams argues that we should, and can, if top-level officials engage and are willing to face down opposition from regimes whose main interest is remaining in power.

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Mr. Abrams is a member of the board of the National Endowment for Democracy. He teaches U.S. foreign policy at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. His latest book, *Realism and Democracy: American Foreign Policy after the Arab Spring*, was published in September 2017 ([website](#)).

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