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**cordially invites you to a lecture on**

"The U.S Empire in the Egyptian Revolution: Ethnographic Notes from Tahrir and Beyond"

**Atef Said**

Based on ethnographic research in Tahrir Square during the Egyptian revolution, protesters were not only protesting against Mubarak’s dictatorship and corruption but also against his foreign policy in relation to the U.S. and its role as a watchdog of U.S. interests in the region. Said contributes to current theorizations about the significance of neo-liberalism and militarism to U.S.-led empire and the centrality of a transnational analysis to efforts aimed at social change within the nation-state.

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012 | 4:00- 5:30 pm | Auditorium A, West Hall, AUB**

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