The uprisings and would-be revolutions that spread across the Arab Region, starting in Tunisia in December 2010, have changed the region’s social and political map. Yet, dreams of revolution, democratization, social justice, and transformative politics have yet to be realized.

The “Arab Spring” has followed dramatically different trajectories across the Arab world, its impact and consequences extending far beyond the region’s borders. What were once considered internal, or at best regional, issues are today increasingly seen as the concern of the entire international community.

BCARS’ second annual Graduate Student Conference, *The Arab Uprisings, 2010-2015*, aims to illuminate the evolving regional and international dimensions of the Arab Spring. How are regional players coping with the crisis? What has been the international community’s response? What external actors are “meddling” in the internal affairs of various Arab states and why? How do people interpret, negotiate, and redefine their roles as citizens in this evolving context?

BCARS invites proposals for papers to be presented at this Graduate Student Conference, to be held in Boston on April 18, 2015. We welcome proposals from graduate students from a variety of disciplines and perspectives. We encourage students to submit joint proposals for paper presentations. We especially seek proposals that address issues of the regional and international impacts, influences, and implications of the Arab Spring, with special focus on:

**Theme 1:** The Syrian Conflict & Humanitarian Crisis  
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