The Arab Spring in Syria

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9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Newberry Library
60 West Walton Street
Chicago, IL  60610

Led by Dr. Mandy Terc
University of Michigan

About the workshop:
It has been roughly a year since the commencement of the “Arab Spring,” a wave of demonstrations and protests against the governments of several countries in the Middle East and North Africa. These uprisings have brought about the end of authoritarian regimes in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya, and on-going conflict between the state and its citizens in other Arab countries like Syria. In this workshop, Dr. Terc will explore the origins and trajectory of the uprising in Syria through the lens of socio-economics and also discuss the role that volunteer events played in deepening social divisions. The latter part of this workshop will be devoted to lesson and curriculum development, specifically, ways in which teachers can guide their students in the use of internet news sites and social media to investigate or conduct research on major historical events as they unfold.

This workshop is open to all Chicago area teachers at no cost. A light breakfast will be provided.

About the speaker:
Mandy Terc received her Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology from the University of Michigan in 2011 and has since served as a visiting lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology at Northwestern. From 2007-09, she lived in and conducted dissertation research in Damascus, Syria. Her dissertation examines social and linguistic consequences of Syria’s implementation of neoliberal economic policies over the last decade.

For more information on the workshop, registration, and directions please visit:
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