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***23 April 2015***

***MEDIA ALERT***

***TUNISIA AND THE ARAB SPRING – WHAT WENT RIGHT?***

***AIIA for WA Inc.***

The 2011 Tunisian revolution marked the beginning of the Arab Spring as a wave of insurrections affected five other Arab countries: Egypt, Libya, Syria, Bahrain and Yemen. Four years later, the expectations for democratic transitions in the region materialised only in Tunisia: it has adopted a new Constitution and institutional transition is underway.

A special event on ***Tuesday April 28th***, hosted by AIIAWA with the Centre for Muslim States and Societies, UWA, will hear Dr Leila Ben Mcharek, Honorary Research Fellow at the Centre, answer the question: “How can we explain Tunisia’s democratic exceptionalism?”

The media is invited to attend this event.

**TIME: 6.00 PM for 6.30PM**

**DATE: Tuesday 28th April**

**VENUE: St Catherine’s College (opposite UWA)**

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