The Lecture will analyze the trends found in annual Arab public opinion polls in the Arab world since 9/11, focusing on attitudes toward collective identity and foreign policy. In particular, it will review Arabs' attitudes toward Arab and Islamic identity as well as the degree to which they identify with individual Arab states. The analysis will assess the impact of American policy after 9/11 and how it has influenced Arab perceptions, as well as the impact of information revolution on the way Arabs see themselves.

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