

Rage and Rebellion across the Islamic World with Robin Wright
Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30pm



Robin Wright is a foreign affairs analyst, journalist and author who has worked in more than 140 countries on six continents during her career. Her reporting has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Sunday Times of London*, *CBS News* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. Wright has also written for *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune* and others.

Robin Wright's foreign tours include the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and several years as a roving foreign correspondent. She has covered a dozen wars and several revolutions. She most recently covered U.S. foreign policy for *The Washington Post*.

Among several awards, Wright received the U.N. Correspondents Gold Medal, the National Magazine Award for reportage from Iran in *The New Yorker*, and the Overseas Press Club Award for "best reporting in any medium requiring exceptional courage and initiative" for coverage of African wars. Robin Wright was named journalist of the year by the American Academy of Diplomacy, and won the National Press Club Award and the Weintal Prize for diplomatic reporting. Wright has also been the recipient of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation grant.

Wright has been a fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Brookings Institution, Yale University, Duke University, Stanford University, and the University of California at Santa Barbara. She lectures extensively around the United States and has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN and PBS programs, including "Meet the Press," "Face the Nation," "This Week," "Nightline," the "Newshour," "Frontline," and "Larry King Live."

Among her books, *The Last Great Revolution: Turmoil and Transformation in Iran* was selected as one of the 25 most memorable books of the year 2000. Robin Wright is also the author of *Sacred Rage: The Wrath of Militant Islam*, *Flashpoints: Promise and Peril in a New World*, and *In the Name of God: The Khomeini Decade*. Her most recent book is *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World*.

Resources related to Robin Wright's talk on Rage and Rebellion across the Islamic World:

Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World (a book by Robin Wright, 2011, Simon & Schuster)

"[Wright] provides invaluable context for what she rightly terms 'the epic convulsion across the Islamic world' by listening to voices we don't usually hear....Anyone seeking deeper understanding of the Arab Spring needs to read Wright's formidably well-informed bookWright's richly textured portrait of ancient cultures in the throes of wrenching but liberating transformation makes it quite clear that Muslims themselves will decide their future." — *Los Angeles Times*

Blog by Robin Wright on foreign affairs, with links to websites and articles:
<http://robinwrightblog.blogspot.com/>

Guardian newspaper's **timeline on the Arab Spring**
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/interactive/2011/mar/22/middle-east-protest-interactive-timeline>

Audio interview with Peter Bergen, CNN's National Security analyst, by Terri Gross on Fresh Air about **How Bin Laden's Death Has Affected al Qaida** (August 2011):
<http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=138783681&m=138920277>

BBC World News Video

On protests in Egypt:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/search/news/?q=egyptian%20protests%20video>

On events in Syria:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/search/news/?q=syria%20videos>

Discussion questions on the Islamic World

Before the lecture

- How do you define “the Middle East” – what countries are part of it, and what are the people like, what languages do they speak, what religions do they practice?
- What do you think were the main factors that contributed to the protests and uprisings in Egypt, Syria, Bahrain, Jordan, Libya, and Tunisia (and others)?
- Do you think the so-called “Arab Spring of 2011” is done or will there be more protests?

After the lecture

- Were you surprised to learn the percentage of Arabs that make up the Muslim world?
- What do you think will happen next (politically) in the countries that Robin Wright touched on in her talk?
- Do you think that Shariah Law can work as the ruling system of a large country?