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Inside Tahrir Square

An eyewitness account by journalist Iason Athanasiadis



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MIT Bldg E40-496

About the speaker



Fresh from Cairo, **Iason Athanasiadis** will share about the 24 crucial hours spent inside Tahrir Square on the Wednesday night/Thursday morning when the Mubarak loyalists attacked and how it turned the entire momentum from one of violent repression to one of negotiations and concessions. Athanasiadis is a Farsi-speaking journalist who currently resides in Afghanistan. He studied Arabic and Modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford and was a 2008 Nieman fellow at Harvard. He studied for a Masters at the Iranian Foreign Ministry's think-tank in Tehran and was imprisoned in Tehran's Evin Prison on espionage charges during the 2009 post-election unrest. Joining the discussion will be **Kristin Fabbe**, PhD student, MIT Department of Political Science and **Fotini Christia**, Assistant Professor, MIT Department of Political Science.