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# Author to discuss social media and the Egyptian revolution

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**Ashraf Khalil**

As part of International Week, the [USF St. Petersburg Honors Program](#) presents [Ashraf Khalil](#), author of *Liberation Square: Inside the Egyptian Revolution*, who will discuss the role of social media in the 2011 revolution.

Khalil, an Arab-American journalist based in Cairo, will also discuss the recent unrest that rocked the country and what it means for the future of Egyptian democracy.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the [University Student Center](#) Ballroom, 200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Free parking will be available across the street at the USFSP parking garage. [Download the Ashraf Khalil poster.](#)

“This is a rare opportunity for our students and the general public to get a firsthand account from an eyewitness to this important chapter in the history of the Middle East,” said Thomas Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of government and international affairs and director of the USFSP Honors Program.

International Week at USF St. Petersburg is Feb. 25 through March 1 and includes [myriad public events](#).

Khalil’s talk is part of a series of Honors Program events with an international focus.

On Feb. 18 at 2 p.m., author and terrorism scholar [Mia Bloom](#) will present the Debbie and Brent Sembler [Florida Holocaust Museum](#) Lecture. Bloom, associate professor of International Studies and Women’s Studies at Penn State University, will discuss her latest book, *Bombshell: Women and Terrorism* (2011). It is free and open to the public.

On March 28 and 29, the Honors Program presents the first “[St. Petersburg in the World Conference on International Affairs](#),” featuring U.S. ambassadors, military and intelligence officers, scholars and journalists for a series of 10 panels devoted to contemporary international issues. It is free and open to the public.

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For more information about these events or the Honors Program, please call Thomas Smith at (727) 873-4872.

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### ASHRAF KHALIL

is an Arab-American journalist based in Cairo. He's flying in from Egypt to give this talk. He'll address the role of social media in sparking the revolution, as well as the recent violence and unrest that have rocked the country. Mr. Khalil is the author of *Liberation Square: Inside the Egyptian Revolution and the Rebirth of a Nation*. Mr. Khalil writes for *The Times of London*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Time Magazine*, *Foreign Policy* and other venues.

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