Arab Spring

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World Affairs Council of Northern California

Libya and the Arab Spring

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US Economic and Commercial Attache, Tripoli, 2004-2006; Author, *Exit the Colonel*

The US and Libya achieved a rapprochement in the early 2000's, but in 2011 the Obama administration helped Libyan rebels topple long-time dictator, Muammar Gaddafi. However, the basic problem remains: how to create a cohesive national identity in the light of clashes between an extremist minority and more moderate and progressive elements, domestic and regional tribal divisions and developments elsewhere in the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Chorin argues for Libya's exceptionality within the broader Arab Spring, both in terms of the country's prospects for recovery and its potential impact on US foreign policy.

Ethan Chorin was among the first American diplomats assigned to Libya after the lifting of international sanctions. He continues his close involvement in Libyan affairs as a co-founder of the Avicenna Group, an NGO developing Libya's emergency medical capacity. He last visited Libya this September. Chorin's widely acclaimed book, *Exit the Colonel*, will be on sale at the program.

Pre-paid reservations required for guaranteed seating.
Dinner reservations required by Monday, November 12.

This program is co-sponsored by the Marin Chapter of the United Nations Association.

Dinner & Program

Council & UNA Members: $30
Non-members: $35
Students & Dom. Staff: $30

Dessert & Program

Council & UNA Members: $6
Non-members: $9
Dominican Staff: $6
Students: Free

Reception: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Dessert: 7:30 PM
Program: 7:50 PM

Dominican University
Caleruega Dining Hall
Creekside Room
Magnolia at Palm Ave.
San Rafael, CA

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