



## Essential background reading on the Middle East and North Africa

### Publications

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[US and EU: Lack of Strategic Vision, Frustrated Efforts Toward the Arab Transitions](#) – Rosa Balfour, Danya Greenfield, and Amy Hawthorne, Atlantic Council (25 September 2013)

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[An early spring in Tel Aviv? Israeli elections between change and uncertainty](#) – Andrea Frontini and Zuzana Novakova (5 February 2013)

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[EU Conditionality after the Arab Spring](#) – Rosa Balfour, European Institute of the Mediterranean (26 June 2012)

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