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**Former Kuwaiti parliament member shares international perspective on  
democracy in Middle East**

**WHAT:** The Stumbling Democracy in the Middle East: Challenges and Prospects

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 10, noon to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** TAMU Law Conference Center, 1515 Commerce St.

**COST:** Free and open to the public. Lunch is provided.

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – One of the first female Kuwaiti parliament members elected to the National Assembly, Dr. Aseel Alawadhi, will provide insights about democracy in the Middle East post Sept. 11 at Texas A&M University School of Law in Fort Worth on Thursday, April 10 at noon.

Dr. Aseel Alawadhi is an international researcher and former member of the Kuwaiti Parliament. She is an assistant professor at Kuwait University. She received her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin, where she wrote her dissertation on Islamic liberalism.

Event attendees will hear first-hand about the challenges that that face democracy in the Middle East, as she has experienced them as a female and as a member of parliament. The event is sponsored by the TAMU Chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

In this lecture, Dr. Alawadhi will discuss factors that could be obstructing democratization in the Middle East, and she will share her insights on arguments about Islamic liberalism and non-secular democracy.

“Aseel is a remarkable woman who is not only brilliant, but also courageous in breaking new ground for women in public life in the Persian Gulf,” said Sahar Aziz, Texas A&M professor of law who will be a co-panelist for this event. A question and answer period will conclude the event.

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