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"One needs to remember that the Arab Spring was led by disgruntled urban youngsters deprived of economic opportunities and peaceful means to voice their demands."

Prof. Aboubakr Jamaï, *Strategic Europe*. "Letter from Rabat."

Chers Etudiants,

Nous sommes heureux de féliciter Prof. Jamaï pour l'article publié dans la dernière édition de Carnegie Europe. You can consult the full article [here](#). Indeed it seems that Morocco is not the only country where the generation between 20-25 is somehow looking at a future of economic downturns. The Arab Spring never really delivered on what then seemed so promising. Favorability ratings for the current regime in France are catastrophic, and in the US the rise of populist messages from the likes of Trump and Sanders (admittedly not similar candidates) seems to draw on a discontent with a system that turns a blind eye to gaping inequality. It is curious to consider that the disenfranchised are not merely those living within reactionary regimes. We hope you are discussing the current political systems (France, US, Morocco, etc.) with your European peers, and we hope that you are confronting both the differences and the similarities. After last week's busy schedule, we're happy to be presenting to you a fairly quiet week.

Bien à vous,
Leigh Smith
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Lectures:

Wednesday, March 30 - 6:30pm, CEF, Main Hall

France in America, America in France: New Orleans

Dr. Dianne Guenin-Lelle, Albion College

Thursday, March 31 - 6:30pm, CEF, Main Hall

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, the Engine of the German Economy

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