The Department of Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies invites you to the lecture:

**From the Arab revolt to the Arab uprisings:**

100 years of political movements in the Arab world

**Speaker:**

Emeritus Professor Sami Zubaida
Birkbeck College, University of London

The lecture will survey the moments of political mobilization and transformation in the region between those events. It will consider the political sociology of social movements and their connection to international contexts. In particular, it will examine critically the common notions and discourses on the ‘exceptionalism’ of Arab and Muslim societies and their susceptibility to patrimonial and religious affiliations. Do the ideologies and slogans of the Arab Uprisings of 2011 challenge those assumptions? And how to explain successes and failures?

Sami Zubaida was born in Baghdad and educated at British universities. For several decades he taught at Birkbeck College. His research interests include Middle East politics, religion and law, nationalism as well as culinary studies. A recent publication is *Beyond Islam: A New Understanding of the Middle East*, London: IB Tauris 2011.

**Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:00 pm**

University of Cyprus, New Campus, Building 7, Room 010,

A reception will follow.

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