



The LEGATUM INSTITUTE and FREEDOM HOUSE are pleased to invite you to a release of findings from *Nations in Transit 2011* and panel discussion on:

The Authoritarian Dead End:
The Arab Spring's Implications for the Former Soviet Union

Monday, 27th June, 2011
17.45-19.30

(17.45 Presentation and Panel Discussion, 19.00 Drinks Reception)
Venue: Legatum Institute, 11 Charles Street, London W1J 5DW

A discussion with

Anne Applebaum, *Director of Political Studies, The Legatum Institute*
Jeffrey Gedmin, *Chief Executive Officer, The Legatum Institute*
David Kramer, *Executive Director, Freedom House*
Edward Lucas, *International Editor, The Economist*
Christopher Walker, *Director of Studies, Freedom House*

The recent uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa have revealed the fragility of the region's supposedly stable authoritarian regimes, and brought into sharp relief these governments' inability to deliver public goods and economic prosperity to their people. Given the similar concentration of authoritarian leadership in the former Soviet Union, what are the prospects for meaningful change or instability in Russia and its nondemocratic neighbors? Are the former Soviet states immune to the new democratic wave? Findings from *Nations in Transit*, which assesses democratic development in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, are particularly relevant to these questions now.

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