Revolution in Tunisia: Before and After

Abstract: The Jasmine Revolution i.e. “Revolution for freedom and dignity” in Tunisia had a significant impact on the political economy of Middle East and North Africa. This lecture presents socio-economic background of the revolution in Tunisia and its consequences, comparing the economic situation before and the after the revolution. Briefly introducing the history, population and economy of Tunisia, this lecture discuss (I) economic development since independent, unequally and partly inclusive growth in particular, (II) the end of the authoritarian regime, underlying factors and explanation, (III) after the revolution and the transition towards more inclusive political institutions and more inclusive growth, and (IV) risks and challenges towards political stability and inclusive economic growth in Tunisia.