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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Mohammed el-Nawawy, an associate professor of communication and Knight-Crane Endowed Chair at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C., will give a lecture on April 8 on the Winthrop campus.

El-Nawawy will speak at 2 p.m. in Owens Hall G01.

During the recent uprising in Egypt, el-Nawawy provided context in the local and national media for what was happening in his native country. He arrived in Cairo within two hours after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down after a 30-year tenure. El-Nawawy recently led a three-way discussion of classes at Queens and Marquette University with American University in Cairo to discuss the role social media played in the revolt.

His areas of expertise and research interests focus on the new media in the Middle East, particularly satellite channels and the Internet, and their impact on the Arab public sphere. He also is interested in issues of public diplomacy and ways of initiating effective dialogue between the Middle East and the West. His work on Arab media in general, and Al-Jazeera in particular, has attracted the attention of the popular press inside and outside the United States.


He earned his B.A. and M.A. from the American University in Cairo and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where Padmini Patwardhan, a faculty member in mass communication, also was a doctoral student.

His appearance is cosponsored by the departments of political science and mass communication.

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