Similar to other Arab popular outcries during the Uprisings of 2011/12, popular demands in the Arab Gulf were for citizenship rights of participation, transparency, and justice. While the voices differed from muted (such as in Kuwait & Oman) to revolutionary (such as in Bahrain & Yemen) they all followed the same essential demand of struggle to move from under an autocratic to a participatory rule. Such have been the path for democratization that predated these uprisings but have been energized and galvanized by the overall trends in the region. Bahrain stands as the most potent example of this history and process while the struggle is still on. Using documentations of the events and oral testimonies of participants, May Seikaly brings this story to a WSU audience.

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