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THE SON KING

## REFORM AND REPRESSION IN SAUDI ARABIA

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Madawi Al-Rasheed's presentation discusses her new book *The Son King: Reform and Repression in Saudi Arabia* (Hurst/OUP 2020) in which she analyses the duality of reform and repression since the rise of the Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman to power. New social, political and economic reforms are introduced to contain the rising dissent in society. She specifically examines the new hyper-nationalism of the state and the nascent Saudi diaspora abroad. The presentation looks into the future of state-society relations in light of the new economic problems and the current pandemic.



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