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Questions for the Third Session: Geopolitics and the Regional System

**Coffee & Reading**

1. What terms other than "the Arab world" does Shlomo Avineri use to describe the events that formed the basis of the "Arab Spring"?
2. In the end, does Shlomo Avineri think there is a connection between the Middle East and the events that formed the basis of the "Arab Spring"?
3. What variables explain the existence or absence of a liberal democracy in his view?
4. What is the research paradigm used by Avineri?

**Post-lesson Processing Assignments**

1. Is reference to the Middle East essential to understanding events or is it possible that the international system and the national level is enough? Is there another unit, between Israel and the international system, that you think is relevant to the analysis?
2. Who do you think would be more inclined to treat the regional system as an analysis unit that matters: the realist, the liberal or the constructivist?
3. Does the spread of the Covid-19 support or weaken the claim that it is important to understand national security events while taking into account four dimensions - global, regional, national and thinking patterns?