



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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Conferences & Calls for Papers

- [Call for Papers: Power\(s\) in Palestine \(special issue\)](#), Confluences Méditerranée
- [Call for Papers: A Lost Decade? The Arab Spring and Politics in MENA](#), Middle East Institute New Delhi

Online Events

- [Women, Writing and the Iraqi Ba'thist State: Contending Discourses of Resistance and Collaboration](#) (November 17th)
- [From Migrant Workers to Palestinian Refugees: Confronting State Violence & Racism in Lebanon' with Tsigereda Brihanu, Islam Khatib & Kareem Chehayeb](#) (November 18th)
- [Breaking Intersubjectivity: Counter-Revolutionary Trauma in Egypt](#) (November 19th)
- [The Transformation of Iranian Women's Lives in Post-Revolutionary Iran](#) (November 28th)

Recent & Forthcoming Books

- [Islam as Power: Shi'i Revivalism in the Oeuvre of Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah](#), by Bianka Speidl
- [The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Human Rights](#), Edited by Marie Juul Petersen and Turan Kayaoglu

Journal Articles & Other Academic Articles

- [Egypt's Private Press and Inciting for Violence Against Journalists During the 2013 Military Coup](#), by Maher Hamoud
- [Social Movements in Jordan](#), Information and Research Center - King Hussein Foundation (IRCKHF)
- [Cosmopolitanism, Activism and Arab Documentary Film](#), by Josepha Ivanka Wessels
- [From Tahrir Moment to "Prisoners of Love": The Egyptian journalists struggle for professional autonomy \(book chapter\)](#), by Hanan Badr
- [From Postcolonialism to Post-Arab Spring: Cosmopolitanism and the Crisis of Syrian Identity](#), by Nouredin Mahmoud Zaamout

News Pieces & Commentary

- [UK report calls out Saudi Arabia over women's rights abuses](#), Al Jazeera
- [Activists condemn Bahrain's use of citizen revocation](#), Al Jazeera
- [Women, opposition lose seats in Jordan election](#), Al Jazeera
- [In rare move, court orders release of 460 detainees held in remand detention](#), Mada Masr
- [Campaign operatives buy votes as security pressures local leaders on behalf of ruling Nation's Future Party](#), Mada Masr
- [Security forces crack down on refugees protesting violence, harassment](#), Mada Masr
- [119 companies, 1 wage structure? Unified wage bylaws spark outrage among public business sector workers](#), Mada Masr

- ['We expected more backlash': Inside a new feminist platform that dares to be funny](#), Middle East Eye
- [Egyptian sets himself on fire in Tahrir Square to protest corruption](#), Middle East Eye
- ['Antithesis of peace': Palestine advocates decry Israeli settlers' visit to UAE](#), Middle East Eye
- [Corruption critic shot dead in Libya's Benghazi](#), Middle East Eye

Positions & Opportunities

- [Assistant professor of Sociology](#), University of Amsterdam (UvA)
- [Research Consultancy on the Role, Spread, and Impact of GoNGOs in the Euro-Mediterranean Region](#), EuroMed Rights
- [Assistant Professor Gender Studies & Critical Theory](#), Utrecht University
- [Short-Term Postdoctoral Mobility Fellowship Program in the Social Sciences and Humanities,](#) The Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH) and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences
- [Researcher in Political Science](#), University of Oslo
- [Assistant Professor of Sociology](#), Ozyegin University, Turkey
- [Assistant Professor of 20th-century Global History and Politics with a Focus on Africa and/or the Middle East \(Tenure-Track\)](#), Suffolk University, Boston
- [Postdoctoral Research Associate \(12 Months\) for Iran and the Persian Gulf Studies \(19th - 21st Century\)](#), Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University

A Lost Decade? The Arab Spring and Politics in MENA

A decade since the eruption of Arab Spring protests in the Middle East and North Africa, the region continues to confront popular disenchantment, protests and mass mobilization. A majority of the regimes have refused to heed the demand for democratization; some have chosen to confront the protestors by sheer use of force leading the country into civil war and strife while others have found ways to regain lost power. As the states have strengthened their stranglehold, the hopes for a democratic turn around have all but evaporated. But there are some silver linings such as regular elections in Tunisia, greater political participation in Jordan and Morocco, reduction in violence in Iraq and Syria and introduction of social reforms in Saudi Arabia. There are also greater scrutiny against corruption, for better public services and awareness on the need for women empowerment and rights of minorities. Debates on issues related to terrorism, extremism and radicalism and the interplay of religion and politics too have become widespread. A key aspect that has clearly come out of the protest movements is the significance of faith, identity and power in both domestic and regional politics and the desire among the public for democratic governance.

Within this context, this volume intends to explore five broad themes:

1. Governance and Political Participation
2. Democratization and Authoritarianism
3. Islam, Extremism and Radical Ideas
4. Popular Media, Mass Mobilization and Public Opinion
5. Geopolitics, Regional Rivalries and International Actors

Chapters are expected to have a focused and well-defined argument falling within one of the five stated themes. They can choose to deal with either one or more specified countries and should be well structured. Chapters should be written in simple and succinct language keeping in mind the relevance for both an academic and non-academic audience. Including notes and references, a chapter should not exceed 6,000 words and should use APA style in-text (author, year) citation with a list of references at the end. References of research-oriented work are encouraged and notes should be used sparingly only for additional information or explanation. Chapters will be accepted for publication based on the novelty of the argument and their adherence to the aforementioned guidelines.

If interested, please send an abstract of 250 words to muddassir.2005@gmail.com by November 30, 2020. Individuals will be notified of acceptance of the abstract by December 15. The deadline for submission of draft chapter is February 28, 2021. The volume will be edited by Dr. Md. Muddassir Quamar, Advisor (Honorary), Middle East Institute, New Delhi.