

# Reflections on State-Society Relations in Egypt Ten Years after the Uprising

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The wave of Arab Uprisings in 2011 resulted in different dynamics of regime change and continuity in the region. Some regimes succumbed to civil wars, others went through a path toward democratization, and others moved toward a new type of authoritarian rule. Egypt is one of those countries that succumbed to the renewal of its authoritarian system with increased securitization and repression. This lecture will analyze the dynamics of regime formation after 2011. The main topics to be considered here are the following: What are the institutional changes that have been implemented by the current regime to revamp a “new” authoritarian system? What is the impact of these institutional changes in on state-society relations? How did civil society react to these changes? What are the impacts of these changes on the future of authoritarianism and change in Egypt?

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