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Salafi Discourse Analysis concerning Political Development in Egypt (2010-2014)

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The research aims at analyzing Salafi discourse as concerns political development in Egypt, before and after January 25th Revolution. In fact Salafi political discourse has undergone several transformations. Therefore, it has become vital to explore the Salafi discourse, as one part of the Islamist discourse in general.

The main question will concentrate upon the Salafi discourse regarding political development. In this respect, we would wonder whether the change in such discourse has emanated from Foucault's idea about "spiritualite politique", or whether the transformation in discourse has been due to alteration in power relations and change in context? In other words, has the change in Salafis discourse occurred under pressures of the army, the liberals, the West, and the challenge of the Muslim Brotherhood? Such change might have been mainly influenced by a certain religious, spiritual reference? In the mean time, we would wonder whether it is a real change in their tenets, or just a tactical for the sake of taking over the parliamentary elections. In order to answer the foregoing questions, the research will use discourse analysis of texts collected through library and electronic research, follow up of media, and in-depth interviews with Salafi prominent figures as well as ordinary Salafis.

The study will cover the period between 2010 , i.e. one year before the January 2011 Revolution, and 2012 , that is, one year after the tentative parliamentary and presidential elections in 2011.

Profile

- Assistant lecturer in Cairo University, Political science department.
- Free lance culture and news producer, working mainly for Unique Media Production.
- Researcher

Qualifications

- MA in International Relations, Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI), Geneva, Switzerland.
- BA in Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.

Research interests

- Political Sociology
- Religion, culture, and Politics
- Middle East with focus on Egypt.

Conference papers

Discourse analysis of the Egyptian elite before 2011 Revolution. Presented to the First annual conference for young researchers in the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, June 2011, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.

Publications

Participated as an assistant researcher and did field work as part of Professor Richard Gauvain project about Salafism in Egypt that will be published as a book : Gauvain, Richard, Salafi Ritual Purity, In the Presence of God, Routledge (May 27 2012).

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Participated in: Magdi Sobhi, The Israeli financial policy 2003-2005, the making of coalition and poverty, Arabs against Discrimination, Cairo, 2005.

- Unpublished papers:

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Selim, Hebatullah, Israeli identity and peace attitudes, November 2008.

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