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# ARAB SPRING AND SOCIAL NETWORKS: AN EGYPTIAN CASE STUDY

by

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Lecture abstract: In light of the Arab Spring revolutions of early 2011, Egyptians have managed, to topple a dictatorship that ruled the country for 30 years. One of the most interesting aspects of the revolution is that ICTs played a very important role. During the first week of the revolution, social networks became the primary arm for the protesters to spread the word about what was happening in Egypt. In fact, the willingness of Mubarak government to block all internet connection in Egypt has demonstrated the concern over the power of new technologies in facilitating political change. On 30th June 2013, more than 14 million protesters across Egypt took to the streets and demanded the immediate resignation of Muslim brother's President Mohamed Morsi. The rallies were partly a response to a grassroots movement that launched a petition in April 2013 calling for the government to step down and have collected more than 22 million signatures. This presentation will look closely at the extent to which Egyptians used social media networks as tools for organizing and generating awareness of political mobilization in their first and second revolutions that took place in January 2011 and June 2013.



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Mohamed Chawki holds a (Ph.D.) in law from the University of Lyon III in France for a dissertation on French; British and American cybercrime legal systems. This was followed by a 3-year post-doctoral research at the Faculty of Law, University of Aix-Marseille III, France. He is senior judge and former advisor to the Chairman of Capital Market Authority (CMA) and to the Chairman of the Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority (EFSA). Dr. Chawki is the Founder Chairman of the International Association of Cybercrime Prevention (AILCC), located in Paris, France. An association of international IT experts and legal scholars specializing in cyber law, privacy and security. He is also the founder and co – director of the African Center for Cyberlaw, in Kampala (ACCP), founded in collaboration with the United-Nations (UN).

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