

Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change – CTTC

Since popular protest has ousted former President Hosni Mubarak from his office on February 11, Egypt is witnessing a profound transformation process that affects all aspects of society. The Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change (CTTC) aim to provide a platform to analyse the ongoing changes and assess the perspectives of political transition in Egypt. Each month renowned scholars from Egypt and Germany will address key topics of this transition period. CTTC are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient Institute Beirut. CTTC are open to students, researchers, activists and the wider public. Light refreshments will be served after the talks to continue the debate in a more convivial setting.

For the fifth CTTC talk, we organize a special on Egypt's first day of parliamentary elections. Ivesa Lübben (Philipps Universität Marburg), Dr. Dina Shehata (Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies), and Dr. Samer Soliman (AUC) will comment on the occurrences and the first available result of the voting day.

„ The ballot and the box: Egypt's first day of parliamentary elections “

On November, 28 Egypt will start its first parliamentary elections in the post-Mubarak era. More than forty parties and over 1,400 individual candidates in Cairo alone are running for seats in the People's Assembly. 10,000 judges shall supervise the pooling stations. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces and political parties struggled for a long time over the new rules of the game, finally combining the old individual candidacy system with a party list system. What results is this new system going to generate? How are the various candidates and parties going to perform? And what do voters expect when casting their ballot? The 5th CTTC addresses these questions by looking at the first day of elections. It discusses the first trends and what they might mean for Egypt's transformation process.

Ivesa Lübben is Lecturer at Philipps Marburg Universität. She has written extensively on moderate Islamist movements and elections in Egypt and the region and worked as free lance journalists for the media and political foundations.

Dr. Dina Shehata is a Senior Researcher at Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies. She obtained her PhD at Georgetown University and has written "Islamists and Secularists in Egypt" (Routledge, 2009).

Dr. Samer Soliman is Associate Professor of Political Economy at the American University in Cairo. He wrote "The autumn of dictatorship" (Stanford 2011) and is a founding member of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party.

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