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THE DIASPORA OF TRANSFORMATION: ISLAMISM AS CASE STUDY

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Over the course of the last three decades, an increasingly globalised western media discourse had turned a spotlight on the Muslim world. The image of Islam has been brought to the front to be a big issue in the Western media and autocratic regimes under a lot of deception and misrepresentations. It has been claimed that the brotherhood movements in the Muslim world is highly influenced by the Islamic traditions from the Arabian Peninsula that has been documented as far back to the centuries in the period known as the Caliphate manifested in Muslim practice by resisting domination over Muslims lands infidel in Jihads, longing to the ruler of Islamic theocracy and the implementation of Sharia that claimed to prosecute other religious minorities. But the turning point was in the mid of the nineties when their ideology has known a significant reviews moving from radicalization into the engagement of political Islam. In the view of such circumstances, the Muslim Brotherhood movements in the Arab world and Egypt in particular has gained a massive level of popularity and achieved a level of influence nearly unimaginable. The so-called the Arab Spring has become the battleground for transformation. The brotherhood was the resounding victory in Egypt’s 2011-2012 parliamentary elections, and later they won the presidency. The implications of the brotherhood’s rising power had set a promising future for the democratic governance, peace and stability in the region. Yet their course reveals profound reconciliations between the suspicious West and Islamist goals and strategies toward greater moderation. Surprisingly, the West changed its position revealing fantasized generated discourse based on agreed cultural archetype that has been systematically portrayed as one aspect of power, aiming to reinforce the ideology of hegemony as Homi Bhabha called it “the Notion of Fixity”. Obviously it is a Western style for dominating, restructuring, and having authority over the other. The so called the Arab Spring has been marked by profound tensions and contradictions, yielding hybrid agendas in which newly embraced themes of freedom and democracy coexist with promising shift of Islamist radical worldviews but in vain. From this stand the voices of Islamist Political Movements are always absent; they could construct an alternative narrative made by a self-conscious that would definitely challenge this taken for granted representation.