

“The contribution of this book stems not only from its documentation of the important historical events that the countries under study have gone through during the past twenty years, but also from its analysis of the most important obstacles to achieving democratic transformation in these countries, a laborious and long process since the 1980s. Under the title “Renewed Despotism and the Rise of Sectarian and Tribal Divisions,” male and female researchers have explored the difficulty of the possibility of democracy in a region that has continued to be affected by a simultaneous interaction between its internal dynamics and external interventions by various global political forces. The analyses confirm the existence of two main types of political transformations in the region. The first represents the return and renewal of tyranny, represented by the decline of freedoms and the fall of democratic structures and frameworks that were accomplished in the 1990s and 2000s, as is the case in Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Jordan, with some contextual differences; while the second includes a steady rise of tribal divisions and sectarianism, as is the case in Yemen and Libya. The emergence of these two patterns, has exacerbated the emergence of counterrevolutions against freedoms, democracy, women’s rights, and gender justice agendas — with the latter being considered a direct result of restricting freedoms and controlling public space by governments supported by the military and intelligence services.”

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