

# PUBLIC LECTURE

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### "The Microanalytics of Revolutions: A Sociological Appraisal"

In the past years, there has been a steady tendency to reappraise revolutionary events through microsociological lenses as well as a move to leave behind big structural explanations of revolutions in favor of more localized and historicized analyses. The « Arab Spring » has largely contributed to this change. Based on my doctoral research on the



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Egyptian Revolution, I argue for a more realistic approach of revolutionary situations, which situates itself at an equal distance from structural causalist theories and the rational choice model. Through a variety of sources, this perspective aims at restoring the «concrete materiality» of revolutions and delving into the microanalytics of revolutions.

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