Dear Reader,

We have just witnessed another momentous transition in Egypt’s post-revolution.

Analyzing the country’s state of affairs that led up to the 2011 political change, Steven A. Cook writes in his new book, *The Struggle for Egypt: From Nasser to Tahrir Square* (AUC Press, 2012): “Although among the vast majority, there is great hope that Egyptians can construct a new political system and rebuild their society peacefully, that is unlikely as long as the underlying and antecedent debates about Egypt and what it stands remain unresolved.”

In the context of the current dynamic climate and cultural effervescence, the AUC Press is looking forward to hosting and participating in a number of exciting literary events over the coming months. In about two weeks, the Tunisian writer Hassouna Mosbahi, author of *A Tunisian Tale* (AUC Press, 2011), translated by Max Weiss, will be reading from his novel at the Goethe Institute in Los Angeles for their themed event “Narrating the Arab Spring.”

In September the AUC Press will be present at Cairo’s Neighborhood Book Fair at CSA in Maadi, at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October, and will also be holding its annual Tahrir Book Fair in December.

All the publications lined up for the AUC Press Fall 2012 catalog will be posted online by the end of next month. The selection of nearly 40 new AUC Press titles will include the comprehensive and beautifully illustrated archaeology volume *Ancient Nubia: African Kingdoms on the Nile*, edited by Marjorie M. Fisher, Peter Lacovara, Salima Ikram, and Sue D'Auria, with photographs by Chester
**AUC Press Events**

**Thursday, July 19**
*Narrating the Arab Spring*
Hassouna Mosbahi will read from his latest novel *A Tunisian Tale* (AUC Press, 2012)
Goethe Institut Los Angeles
5750 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA
7:00 pm

**September 22-24**
Neighborhood Book Fair
CSA Maadi

**October 10-14**
*Frankfurt Book Fair*
Frankfurt, Germany

**November 17-20**
*Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2012*
Denver, Colorado, USA

Check the [website](#) regularly for other upcoming events.


The next AUC Press e-newsletter will come out early September.

Have a great summer and Happy Ramadan!

Dr. Nigel Fletcher-Jones
AUC Press Director

**Book of the Month** – Available at the [AUC Press Bookstores](#)

*The Struggle for Egypt: From Nasser to Tahrir Square*
Steven A. Cook

"What is Egypt? What principles and values should guide Egypt at home and abroad? What is the role of religion and nationalism in the life of the country? What kind of foreign policy should Egypt pursue? Can Egypt be a regional leader again? Suddenly Egyptians—through their own bravery and dignity—gave themselves an opportunity to provide their own answers to these questions," writes Steven A. Cook, in his book that carefully probes many of these very questions.

To read more about the book and order it, [click here](#).

"A timely, well-researched and lucid political history that sweeps back to the origins of the praetorian dynasty that has ruled Egypt since the 1952 military coup." — *The Economist*

To read more about the book and order it, [click here](#).
New AUC Press Books – Available at the AUC Press Bookstores

The Illustrated Guide to the Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo
Bernard O’Kane
With contributions by Mohamed Abbas and Iman Abdulfattah

Cairo's Museum of Islamic Art houses one of the richest collections of artifacts from all periods of Islamic history and all parts of the Islamic world. Structured as a guide, but fully illustrated with superb color photographs, this book suggests a simple but comprehensive itinerary through one of Egypt's most fascinating museums.

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Afterglow of Empire: Egypt from the Fall of the New Kingdom to the Saite Renaissance
Aidan Dodson (author of Amarna Sunset)

During the half-millennium from the eleventh through the sixth centuries BC, the power and the glory of the imperial pharaohs of the New Kingdom crumbled in the face of internal crises and external pressures, ultimately reversed by invaders from Nubia and consolidated by natives of the Nile Delta following a series of Assyrian invasions. Much of this era remains obscure, with little consensus among Egyptologists. Against this background, Aidan Dodson reconsiders the evidence and proposes a number of new solutions to the problems of the period.

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AUC Press Books & Authors in the News

How Egypt’s army won
The New York Times (Op-Ed), June 29

“Nasrallah’s brilliant writing deserves special mention, as does Nancy Robert’s excellent translation. The characters are compelling, life-like and often conflicted.”
The Jordan Times, June 26

Glimpses of the Egyptian Army in Egyptian Literature
ArabLit, M. Lynx Qualey, June 19

"Out with a whimper: No matter who wins the presidential elections, Egypt's revolution is in trouble."
Ashraf Khalil, author of *Liberation Square: Inside the Egyptian Revolution and the Rebirth of a Nation* (AUC Press, 2012)
Foreign Policy, June 18

Ashraf Khalil: Reflections on Tahrir
Author of *Liberation Square* speaks to Voice of America Middle East, June 18

Review of Mai Khaled’s *The Magic of Turquoise*, translated by Marwa Elnaggar (AUC Press, 2011)
The Complete Review, M. A. Orthofer, June 18

“For anyone interested in Egyptian literature over the years, this book comes as an absolute goldmine of stories.”
Cairo 360, Anne De Groot, June 12

In other words: Translating Egypt’s revolution
Egypt Independent, June 11

Interview: Digital and sciences the greatest opportunities for publishing: Fletcher-Jones of AUC Press
Ahram Online, Mary Mourad and Sayed Mahmoud, June 10

Book excerpt: Joshua Stacher’s Adaptable Autocrats
The Arabist, June 7

Reviews of Grand Hotels of Egypt in The Golden Age of Travel
by Andrew Humphreys (AUC Press, 2011) and Understanding
Islamic Fundamentalism: The Theological and Ideological Basis
of al-Qa’ida’s Political Tactics by Sayed Khatab (AUC Press,
2011)
Book News Inc., June

“The Palm House is an ideal summer read”
Review of Tarek Eltayeb’s Sudanese novel, translated by
Library Bookwatch, June

“Egypt in the Era of Hosni Mubarak is a perceptive account of
Egypt’s recent history,” writes Shereen El Fiki
Galal Amin (AUC Press, 2011)
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