



Fighting for Health and Social Justice in Egypt: Doctors as Activist-Experts

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The Egyptian uprising in January 2011 lent momentum to doctors' fight to reform the health system. The talk examines the mobilization of several groups of Egyptian doctors and their efforts to reform the health system in Egypt, analysing some of their achievements and the challenges they are facing. Adopting a historicized analysis of the role assigned to 'experts' by the Egyptian state and public sphere, the talk highlights the paradox and limitations of the role of doctors as 'activist-experts' and proposes an exploration of the moral, political and socioeconomic realities of 'activist doctors' in Egypt.

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Chair: **Prof. Dr. Cilja Harders**, Director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, FU Berlin.