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Confronting Fascism in Egypt: Dictatorship Versus Democracy in the 1930s

Lecture by Prof. Israel Gershoni

Modern Egyptian intellectual history, composed by both Egyptians and non-Egyptians (mainly Western scholars), tend to emphasize the pro-Fascist and pro-Nazi positions and attitudes on the part of important intellectual groups in Egypt, particularly in the years 1936-1945. This presentation, as a part of a much larger project, will attempt to deconstruct this commonly held narrative, by underlining intellectual mainstream, which actually rejected vehemently Nazism, Fascism, Hitler and Mussolini. Special attention will be given to one of the most important intellectual voices of that era, Ahmad Hasan al-Zayyat. The owner and editor of the most important intellectual weekly in 1930s Egypt and the Arab world, "Al-Risala", Zayyat expressed in a most lucid manner stands against Nazi Germany and Hitler, particularly on the eve of the war and its outbreak.

Prof. Israel Gershoni is Kaplan Chair Professor for modern history of Egypt and is teaching at the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University. His most recent books (which are related to the subject of his lecture) are: "Confronting Fascism and Egypt: Dictatorship versus Democracy in the 1930s" (Stanford University Press, 2010, co-author with Jim Jankowski); "Dame and Devil: Egypt and Nazism, 1935-1945" (Resling, Tel Aviv, 2010, in Hebrew). His book in German with Götz Nordbruch "Licht im Dunkeln: Ägypten und der Faschismus, 1922-1937" will appear shortly in Germany.

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