Tahrir Documents Project flyers, newspapers, and other ephemera

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tahrir Documents Project flyers, newspapers, and other ephemera
Collection number: 1977
Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections
Language of Material: Arabic
Physical Description: 0.4 linear ft. (1 legal document box)
Date (inclusive): 2011-2012

Abstract: Flyers, newspapers, and other ephemera were collected by the Tahrir Documents Project during the 2011 Egyptian Revolution and its aftermath. The Arabic-language documents address a variety of topics, including constitutional amendments, moral conduct, women's rights, revolutionary strategy, and Muslim-Christian relations. The collection includes activist newspapers, personal essays, missives, political party communications, advertisements, and protest flyers. The group worked to scan and publish the items on tahrirdocuments.org, alongside translations sourced from a network of over ninety volunteer translators in Egypt and abroad. From March 2011 to May 2011, an estimated five hundred documents—under the subject categories of revolution, politics, culture, constitution, regime and religion—were digitized, translated, and published online.

Physical Location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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Historical Note

The Tahrir Documents Project was established by Levi Thompson, Cameron Hu, Elias Saba and Emily Drumsta with the aim to digitize, translate, and post online printed discourse collected during and after popular demonstrations of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. Established in the spring, the group grew into a review board with approximately ninety volunteer translators located in Egypt and abroad. The Tahrir Documents project was not affiliated with any of the groups or authors whose works appear with translations on the website, or with any foreign or domestic organization. From March 2011 to May 2012, the group continuously worked to scan and translate collected documents with the aim of sharing them with the public. Over five hundred scanned documents, diverse in both type and content, were published alongside partial to complete translations on the group's website, tahrirdocuments.org.

Scope and Content

Project flyers, newspapers, and other ephemera were obtained from and around Midan Tahrir, epicenter of the Egyptian Revolution. The collection contains over 500 items Arabic language, including poetry, personal essays, advertisements, missives, political party communications, protest flyers, and activist newspapers. Among these are: guidelines for moral conduct post-revolution, announcements of new political parties and presidential candidates, articles debating the details of constitutional amendments, and sections from activist newspapers including Gurnal and Revolutionary Egypt.

Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Levi Thompson, Cameron Hu, Elias Saba, and Emily Drumsta, 2012.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Note

Processed by Gloria Gonzalez with assistance from Kelley Wolfe Bachli, 2012-2013.

Organization and Arrangement

Materials are arranged in the original order established by Tahrir Document Project participants upon donation. To expedite user access, the collection was minimally described.

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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Revolutions--Egypt--History--21st century--Archival resources.
Egypt--History--Protests, 2011---Archival resources.
Egypt--Politics and government--21st century--Archival resources.

Box 1

**Flyers, newspapers, and other ephemera. 2011-2012.**

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Scope and Content

Items fall into the following subject categories created by the Tahrir Documents project:

- Revolution: Logistics, Revolutionary Newspapers, Demands, and Calls to Protest
- Solidarity: Workers, Unions, Palestine, Movements, and Libya
- Culture: Poetry, Media, Signs from Tahrir, Health, and Fiction
- Constitution: March Referendum, Theory, Dostour Newsletters and Constitution First Movement
- Regime: Mubarak and Family, Police, Prisoners, and Security Forces