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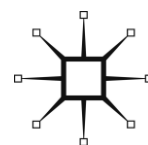
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With the fall of authoritarian regimes in Egypt, Tunisia, and Libya, new social movements and online cyber networks in cities across the Arab World and throughout the Arab cybersphere emerge as new actors. Rooted in 'the periphery', many acknowledge the potentials of these new actors and their ability to challenge the existing political landscape in the region today and in the future. Nonetheless, little attention has been devoted to the long-term processes of transformation within which these developments are rooted. This volume examines the ways in which the state and the political landscape are shaped and challenged, 'beyond the center'. The contributions examine informal institutions, popular sovereignty, non-conventional forms of participation, and non-elite actors in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, and Morocco. The book brings together interdisciplinary and critical reflections on space, power, state, and agency. It develops a novel perspective on Middle Eastern studies, focusing on local politics and contributing to the understanding of authoritarian rule and its transformation.

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