Translating Revolution: Hannah Arendt in Arab Political Culture

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Abstract

This essay charts the way some of Hannah Arendt's key texts travelled to the Arab world. On the one hand, it presents Arab intellectuals' engagement - translations, applications and criticisms - with her work, on the other, the essay identifies Arendt's engagement with Palestine as an important source of her political theory. The essay concludes with an invocation of Arendt's appraisal of the Hungarian revolution of 1956 to reflect on the Arab revolutionary moment of 2011 in the counter-revolutionary context of today.

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Political Evil in a Global Age: Hannah Arendt and International Theory. By Patrick Hayden. New York: Routledge, 2009. If Arendt implored people not to think about how she fits or doesn't fit with established academic perspectives but rather to engage the world as it is around them, then Political Evil in a Global Age is Arendtian through and through. On Arendt and International Relations. Hannah Arendt was no theorist of international relations. Put differently, if totalitarian regimes shattered all pretense to tradition, culture, and civilization, they also made us painfully aware that "the claim to global rule" pursued in the name of humanity3 transformed humankind from "a beautiful dream of unity or a dreadful nightmare of strangeness" into "a hard inescapable reality" (Arendt 1951: 434).