

## Values, political action, and change in the Middle East and the Arab Spring

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### Abstrak

The central theme of this volume is change; its causes, consequences, and processes. The authors use diverse frameworks to analyze nationally representative sample data from Middle Eastern and North African countries. Their objectives are (a) to understand cross-national variation and trends in values and perceptions, and the extent to which this variation is affected by age; (b) to assess the empirical correlates of different modalities of change, lay perspectives on development and morality as well as peoples varying understanding of the meanings of traditional and modern family; (c) to employ social-scientific perspective in explaining cross-national and individual variation in political engagement, participations in the movement of the Arab Spring, varying political outcomes in Egypt and Tunisia, and the failure of revolutionary movements and the predictors of autocratic recidivism; and (d) to address the methodological issues and challenges in carrying out empirical research in the Middle East and North Africa.