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Dear Reader,

Spring is here, and in the spirit of the political effervescence budding in Egypt, the American University in Cairo Press is hosting [The Tahrir Book Fair](#) in the gardens and grounds of AUC's



Downtown Campus on Tahrir Square, from Thursday, March 31, to Sunday, April 3, 2011. This is an initiative born out of the momentum of the Egyptian revolution.

The AUC Press has always strongly believed in the cultural and intellectual significance of the Cairo International Book Fair which was recently cancelled. We hope the Tahrir Book Fair will give book publishers, readers, intellectuals, scholars, students, and artists, an opportunity to debate and discuss changing times and new book ideas.

Some one hundred local and foreign exhibitors, including the AUC Press, will participate in the four-day event, featuring hundreds of new publications, open discussions with authors, publishers, teachers, and librarians, numerous book signings, and a children's workshop. In addition to special offers, the book publishers and book sellers will also be offering bargains, discounts, gift-books, bestsellers, and textbooks in English, Arabic, and other languages.

The AUC Press will be highlighting its [latest books](#), including Galal Amin's much-anticipated [Egypt in the Era of Hosni Mubarak, 1981-2011](#), Alaa Al Aswany's [On the State of Egypt: A Novelist's Provocative Reflections](#), the new AUC Press *Tahrir Anniversary*

Ongoing & Upcoming Events - AUC Press 2011

March 31 - April 3

[The Tahrir Book Fair](#)

AUC Tahrir Campus,
Downtown

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Photo ID required

Free admission

[Click here](#) for the invitation

[Click here](#) for the program

Until April 3

[Reproductions of Artwork by
Huda Lutfi](#)

Future Gallery

AUC Tahrir Campus,
Downtown

Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
(closed Friday and Saturday)

April 11 - 13

[The London Book Fair](#)

London, UK

Wednesday, April 27

Book and Author Reception

AUC Press Tahrir Bookstore

5:00 pm

Sunday, May 1

Book and Author Reception

AUC Press Tahrir Bookstore

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 29

Annual Book, Art, & Music

Festival

Sunday, June 5

Book and Author Reception

AUC Press Tahrir Bookstore

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

[More](#)

Calendar 2011–2012, and featuring [a select list of over 100 current affairs publications on Egypt and the Middle East](#).

The fair's closing celebrations, poetry reading, and musical entertainment on Sunday, April 3, will begin at 5:00 pm in Ewart Memorial Hall.

We invite you to browse the [complete program](#) online and look forward to seeing you at the first Tahrir Book Fair.

Mark Linz

Director

The American University in Cairo Press

Cairo - New York

Book of the Month – Available at the [AUC Press Bookstores](#)



[Egypt in the Era of Hosni Mubarak,
1981–2011](#)

By Galal Amin

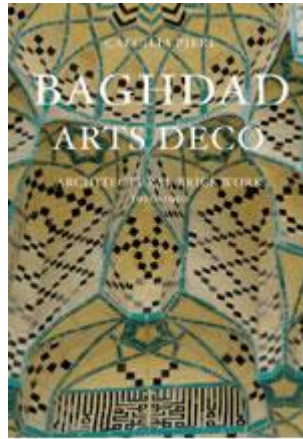
In this timely book, Galal Amin looks at corruption, poverty, the plight of the middle class, and of course, the economy, and directs his penetrating gaze toward the former Mubarak regime's uneasy relationship with the relatively free press it encouraged, the vexing issue of presidential succession, and Egypt's relations with the Arab world and the United States.

The author of [Whatever Happened to the Egyptians?](#) (AUC Press, 2000) portrays the Mubarak regime's stance in the domestic and international arenas as very much a product of history, and without exonerating the regime, certainly helps to explain it.

To read more and order the book, [click here](#). For other books by Galal Amin, [click here](#).



New AUC Press Books – Available at the [AUC Press Bookstores](#)



[Baghdad Arts Deco: Architectural Brickwork, 1920–1950](#)

By Caecilia Pieri

“A scholarly, up-to-date, and beautiful book to be browsed like a carnet d’artiste” —*Le Monde*

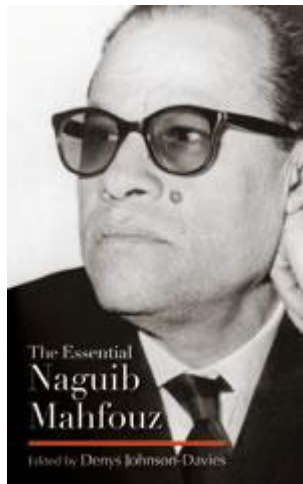
The author draws on unpublished sources and documents to present Baghdad’s architecture in a historical perspective, accompanied by her striking

collection of photographs taken in Baghdad between 2003 and 2006 that reveal some of the capital’s hidden architectural beauties such as the eclectic façades of suburban villas from the 1930s, the personalized stairwell or hosh, the functionality of the household roof, the ornate wrought iron panoramic balcony, the stylized concrete arch, vault and column, the highly inventive brick décor, and the intricate colored tiles and glass panels. To read more and order the book, [click here](#).



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[The Essential Naguib Mahfouz: Novels, Short Stories, Autobiography](#)

Edited by Denys Johnson-Davies

Denys Johnson-Davies, a leading translator of Arabic literature and long-standing friend of the late Naguib Mahfouz, looks at the most important works that Egypt’s Nobel literature laureate left behind after his death in 2006, including over thirty-three novels,

sixteen collections of short stories and plays, scripts for twenty-five films, and various autobiographical works. Johnson-Davies’s admiration for the Egyptian author is palpable in his introduction as he contemplates how this “prolific,” humble, and “remarkable man” was able to “write such an extraordinary large body of work,” commending his “great self-discipline.” The editor hopes that through this volume he can convey the power of Mahfouz’s pen and encourage readers “to take a plunge into Arabic literature.” To read more and order the book, [click here](#).

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[Tahrir Square Book Fair](#)

Provisions Library, Evelina Scott, March 2

[The Association of American University Presses featuring many AUC Press publications for "Books for Understanding Egypt"](#)

BooksForUnderstanding.org, February 24

[World Book Night, the Tahrir Book Festival, PEN World Voices, and More](#)

Poets & Writers, February 24

[The Tahrir Book Fair – Trade looks forward with excitement in Egypt](#)

ZedBooks blog, February 24

[Replacing Cancelled Cairo Fair, AUC Press Plans New "Tahrir Book Fair" for March](#)

Publishing Perspectives, Edward Nawotka, February 21

[The Tahrir Book Fair](#)

Cairo 360, February

[The Puppet \[AUC Press, 2010\]: Embarking on a mystic desert journey with Ibrahim al-Koni's latest novel](#)

Egypt Today, Mariya Petkova, February