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"Comedy in the Egyptian Revolution: Melting Fear Through Laughtivism"

Featuring:

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Room: MACK 237

Humor theorists in the twentieth century and beyond have identified an "emancipatory," "liberatory," even "revolutionary" function to humor, which becomes increasingly relevant to the Arab Spring context. Egyptians are very well known around the region as having a great sense of humour, a truth that was evident during the Egyptian Revolution, that many referred to as the Cheering Revolution. Dr. Mohamed will explore the ways in which comedy and humor have manifested themselves in the Egyptian Revolution, and how they are strategically used to undermine the authority of dictatorships, build credibility, break fear