

What does this mean, however, for the future of democracy in Egypt? How do these geostrategic realities shape the ways in which citizens think about regime stability and democracy, and the role of the United States in their societies? And further, what do these negotiations mean for the future of democratic consolidation in Egypt and the Arab world more broadly?

This book addresses these questions by introducing the ways in which geostrategic, patron-client relations shape domestic-level negotiations about regime stability and prospects for democratization. While building on existing democratization theories and approaches, this book attempts to refine some of our understandings about democracy by linking the realities of the international order to domestic-level societal developments.