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**ISRAEL STUDIES OR ENEMY STUDIES? A STUDY OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAEL STUDIES IN EGYPT**

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This research outlines the development of Israel studies in Egyptian universities during the past century since its early beginnings in 1909 and up until today in 2019. Although Hebrew classes started in Cairo University in the beginning of the past century, after the Balfour declaration in 1917, a decision was made to include Hebrew studies as an independent field of studies in the Faculty of Arts. This research outlines the beginning of Hebrew Studies in Cairo University as an example of Egyptian universities, define the history of the development of its various specialties and disciplines in the lights of the evolution of political events in the Middle East during the past century, discuss the remarkable progress of Israel studies in Cairo University in the last few decades including the impact of the Arab spring on its progress, and explore the various problems facing the pedagogy of Israel studies today in Egypt. At the heart of this essay is a discussion of the overlapping between both Israel Studies and enemy studies.