

BOOK TALK

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The Streets Are Talking to Me

Affective Fragments
in Sisi's Egypt

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This sophisticated book presents new theoretical and analytical light on the momentous events in the Arab world that began in 2011 and, more importantly, life and politics in the Arab world in the aftermath of these events. Focusing on the qualities of the sensory world, Maria Frederika Malmström

explores the dramatic differences after the Revolution in Egypt and their implications on society—the lack of sound in the floating landscape of Cairo after the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi, the role of material things in the sit-ins of 2013, the military evocation of masculinities (and destruction of alternative ones), how people experience pain, rage, disgust, euphoria, and passion in the body. While focused primarily on the changes unfolding in Egypt, it is a study of how materiality and affect provide new possibilities for exploring societies in transition. A book of rare honesty and vulnerability, *The Streets Are Talking to Me* is a brilliant, unconventional, and self-conscious ethnography of the space where affect, material life, violence, political crisis, and masculinities meet one another.

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