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The development of Israel Studies in the Arab world: Cairo University as a Test Case

This research paper outlines the development of Israel studies in Egyptian universities, by focusing on Israel studies in Cairo University, as the first university established in the Arab world in general, and the first university to offer classes related to Israel studies in particular. Moreover, this research will trace the evolution of Israel studies over the past century, starting from 1917 when the decision to create a special department for Oriental studies was made, including offering classes to study Judaism and Hebrew Language for the first time in Egypt, till 2018.



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