

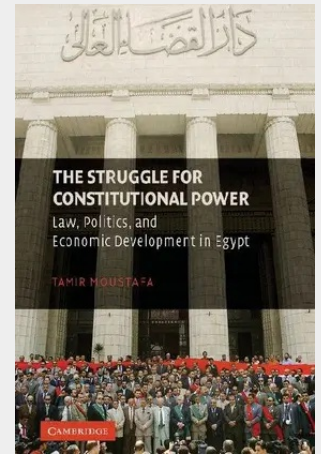
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The Struggle for Constitutional Power

Law, Politics, and Economic Development in Egypt

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