

## **Abstract**

This study examines the factors affected Egypt's Foreign Policy towards the Palestinian question, starting from the time of the Monarchy, namely from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, until the end of the era of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2013. Despite the impact of ideology in Egypt, the primary factor was the national interest of the country.

The study used a comparative analytical approach, studying the different Egyptian eras, using deductive approach applying the relative International Relations and Foreign Policy Theory.

The study consists of four chapters: The first is a theoretical framework reviewing decision-making factors in foreign policy. The second chapter is devoted to study the evolution of Egypt's foreign policy towards the Palestinian cause between 1917 – 2011; the beginning of the Egyptian revolution.

Chapter three studies the Egyptian policy towards the Palestinian question during the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 revolution in Egypt and the following months. The final chapter of the study studies the rule of the Muslim Brotherhood period.

The study finds that national interests of Egypt as an independent nation-state were the major factor in shaping Egypt's toward the Palestinian question; not its Arab Nationalist or Islamist ideology.