Polarization in the Arab World

Mohamed Al-Ississ and Ishac Diwan, members of the Global Agenda Council on the Arab World, investigate the alarming rise of polarization in the Arab World as identified in the Outlook on the Global Agenda 2014 (click here for the Arabic version)

In general, Arab countries in transition are some of the most polarized in the world

Fault lines of polarization in Egypt are drawn across income groups following economic liberalization, unlike Turkey

Therefore polarization may be necessary to ignite transitions

But sustained polarization may also jeopardize transitions' success