

# Moving Image Labor in Unstable Times: Just-In-Time Crews and Revolutionary Collectives Across the Arab World



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These two entities may seem a world apart: Cairo's revolutionary media collective Mosireen (YouTube's most watched not-for-profit channel in January 2011) and the UAE's media free zones, responsible for significant elements of an increasing array of blockbusters, including *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Yet, by placing analyses of them in dialogue, propelled by investigations of rapidly shifting political and capitalistic organizations of employment rights in the Arab world, their similarities and divergences reveal a lot. They speak of what it means to labor for free in film and to weather the exigencies of certain prevailing modes of transnational production.

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