Art Education in Modern Egypt: A Brief General History

In a Timeline



About the Research

It looks into the history of creation of public elementary and higher arts education schools in Egypt in relation to its political history. It does this through focusing on the establishment of the schools of arts in the first half of 20th century and the development of art education curriculums in elementary schools during the same period.

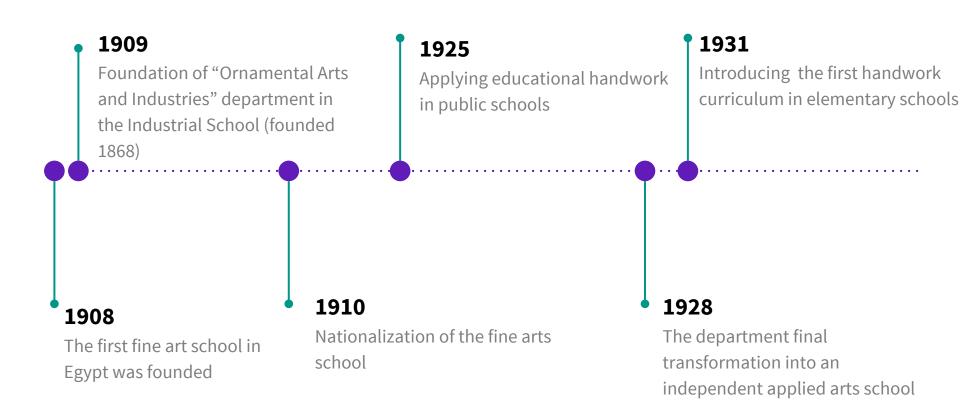


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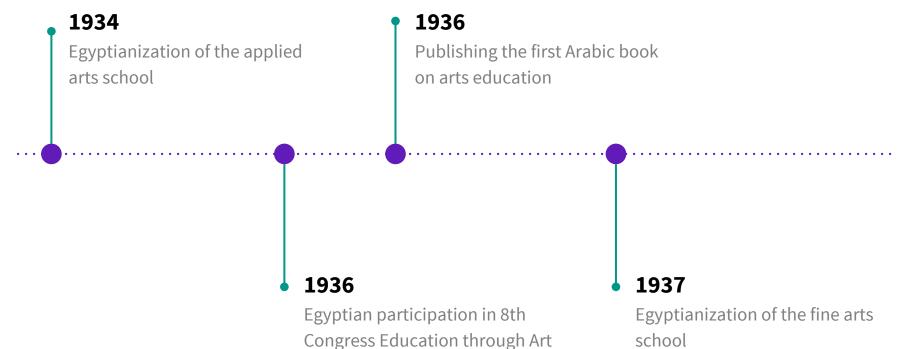
After a decade from the conditional independence from the British occupation, art education in Egypt witnessed a decade where art educators trying to define what is an Egyptian identity. Not only the art schools were "Egyptianized" by replacing European staff members with Egyptians, but also the methods and curriculums of art education changed. This appears in the publishing of art education books like "The Thinking Hand" (an educational handwork manual) and the art education researches of Habib Gorgy. The Thinking Hand is an educational handwork manual published in early 30's and it was made for teachers and students as well.

As for Gorgy, he attended the 8th Congress of Art Education held in Paris in 1937 and read a paper entitled "The Supposed Errors in Drawing common to Beginners: Their Relation to the Revival of Racial Art". This was the first time Egyptians represent themselves in an international conference on art education. Later on, he developed his researches and published his first book on art education.

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International in Paris

Hoda Charaoui's Ecole De Poterie

Advertisement From L'Egyptienne Magazine, 1940

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