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| <p>The study aims at identifying reasons behind the retreat of Egyptian universities from the democratic track in selecting university leaders through direct and free elections. The study successfully implemented two research designs, the historical design by using original and secondary sources; and critical analytical auto-ethnography to collect and analyze data. The results have shown that the main reasons for this decline are rampant administrative corruption in Egyptian public universities and political and security control over them. The proliferation of electoral coalitions and old power structures in Egyptian universities adversely impacted the experience of electing leaders. Internal conflicts in universities and the tendency of elected leaders toward independence are reasons to refrain from following the democratic path. Lastly, the study suggests a genuine proposal for enhancing real democratic reforms within Egyptian universities.</p> <p>Keywords: (<i>democratic transition, selecting university leaders; autonomy; modernization theories, Egyptian universities</i>)</p> | الملخص انجليزي |