

March 15-17 2023

Architecture Lecture Hall – Dar al Handasah Architecture Building

Department of Architecture and Design, Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, American University of Beirut

CITY DEBATES 2023 - TAMING THE GROWTH MACHINE: THE PROMISES AND PITFALLS OF LAND VALUE CAPTURE

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

5:30 – 6:00 PM [Registration & Coffee]

6:00 – 6:15 PM Opening Session: Locating the Debates

Alan Shihadeh, MSFEA Dean, American University of Beirut

Mona Fawaz, Professor of Urban Studies and Planning, American University of Beirut

6:15 – 8:00 PM

Keynote #1

Finding Answers in Land: Land Policy for Sustainable and Equitable Cities

Enrique Silva, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Discussant: *Raghda Jaber, Independent Consultant*

DAY 2 - THURSDAY MARCH 16

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Panel 1: Opportunities for Land Value Capture

Using Land Value Capture and Local Area Development Planning to Foster Adequate Housing

Deena Khalil, American University of Cairo

Public Value Capture, Climate Change and the Infrastructure Gap in the Context of Development Rights Allocation Processes in Greece

Nikos Karadimitriou, UCL

Climate Value and Land Capture

Richard Dunning, Liverpool University

Discussant: *Petra Samaha, Sciences-Po, Paris*

11:00 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Panel 2: Insights from Beirut

Beirut Urban Lab

Public Works Studio

1:00-2:30 PM Lunch

2:30 – 4:30 PM

Panel 3: Land Value Capture & Development, Developers

Land Value Challenges in Urban Africa: Creation, Distortion, and Capture

Tom Goodfellow, University of Sheffield

Land Value Capture, A Good Idea, More Hazardous Path

Sonia Guelton, Parisian School of Urban Planning and Studies

Developer Obligations, Funder Requirements, and Safeguard Challenges in Lebanon

Mona Khechen, American University of Beirut

Discussant: *Elizabeth Saleh, American University of Beirut*

4:30-5:00 PM Coffee Break

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Keynote #2

No Future? Banking on Future Land Values During Uncertain Times

Rachel Weber, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussants: *Camillo Boano, Politecnico di Torino and UCL, Bartlett.*

Nada Moumtaz, University of Toronto

DAY 3 – FRIDAY MARCH 17

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Panel 4: Housing and Value Capture

The Housing Global Crisis Experienced from Chile: Political and Academic Challenges

Francisco Sabatini, Universidad del Bío-Bío

The Impact of Taxing Vacancy on Housing Markets: Evidence from France

Mariona Segú, CY Cergy Paris University

Questioning Public Value Capture in Inner City Renewal, Current Practices in Istanbul

Şevkiye Şence Türk, Istanbul Technical University

Discussant: *Jad Tabet, American University of Beirut*

11:00 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Panel 5: Making It Happen

Recouping the Value: Land Value Capture and Urban Planning in Jordan

Astrid Haas, Independent Urban Economist

Introducing LVC Tools in Egypt and the MENA Region, Recent Experiences

Mohamad Nada, World Bank

The Role of Land Value Capture in Financing Inclusive Cities: Civil Society Experiences of

Institutionalizing LVC in South Africa

Helen Rourke, Development Action Group, South Africa

Claudia Hitzeroth, Development Action Group, South Africa

Discussant: *Sami Atallah, The Policy Initiative*

1:00 – 2:30 PM Lunch

2:30 – 4:30 PM

Roundtable and Wrap Up

Traveling Lessons, Circulating Ideas, Learning from Other Contexts

Moderator: *Mona Harb, American University of Beirut*