

City Debates, 20th Edition

Disrupted Urbanisms

With Palestine Week

The Graduate Programs in Urban Planning, Policy and Design at the American University of Beirut
The Beirut Urban Lab

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Architecture Lecture Hall, Dar el Handassah Building, American University of Beirut

Wednesday, March 6th

5:30-6:00pm *Registration, Coffee*

6:00-6:15pm

Introductory Notes

Mona Fawaz, MUPP-MUD/AUB, Beirut Urban Lab/AUB, and IJURR Editorial Collective

Howayda Al-Harithy, Director, School of Architecture and Design, AUB

Zaher Dawy, Provost, AUB

6:15-7:30pm

[Special Palestine Week Event]

Opening Keynote

Mapping as Decolonial Praxis: Indigenous Imagination amidst Settler Destruction, from Algeria to Palestine and Hawaii

Nour Joudab, UCLA

Discussants:

Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia University

Rami Zurayk, AUB

Thursday, March 7th

9:00-11:00am

Panel 1 (Online Panel): Financialized Cities, MENA and beyond [pre-recorded panel]

Moderator/Discussant: Salim Rouhana, World Bank

Endowments and Transnational Networks: The Urban Politics of al-Jam'iyyat al-Khayriya in Kuwait

Asseel Al-Ragam, Kuwait University

Transnational Speculations on Urban Land: A Comparative Approach

Ozan Karaman, CNRS (France)

The Changing Face of Baghdad: Corruption, Urbanization, and Environmental Degradation

Zeinab Shuker, Sam Houston State University

The Depoliticization of Aid as a Colonial Practice in Palestine

Muna Dajani, LSE

11:30am-1:00pm

Panel 2: The New Faces of Statehood

Moderator/Discussant: Rima Majed, AUB

Insurgent Bureaucrats: Mobilizing for Social Justice within the Local State

Walter Nicholls, University of California, Irvine

Making the State Care: The Role of Political Willingness and Brokerage in Bogota's New Feminist Care Policy

María José (Majo) Álvarez Rivadulla, Universidad de los Andes

Securing Hinterlands: Troubling State and Space in Baghdad

Omar Sirri, University of Toronto

3:00-5:30pm

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Panel 3: Mapping Territories, Understanding Histories

Moderator/Discussant: Umit Acikgoz, AUB

Interrupted Futures: Planning Modern Jaffa, 1936-1948

Nadi Abusaada, ETH Zurich

Interrogating Recovery: The Case of Gaza

Howayda Al-Harithy, AUB

Refugee Heritage

Sandi Hilal, Lund University and DAAR

6:00-7:30pm

Keynote 2

The Governance and Politics of Latin American Metropolises in Comparative Perspective

Eduardo Marques, University of São Paulo

Discussants:

Mona Harb, MUPP-MUD/AUB, Beirut Urban Lab/AUB

Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences

Friday, March 8th

9:00-11:00am

Panel 4 (Online Panel): Governing Territories

Moderator/Discussant: Yaser Abunnasr, AUB

Piecing Together Istanbul's Puzzle of Oddities: Navigating financialization, populist authoritarianism, regulatory ambiguity, municipal dysfunction, and burgeoning entrepreneurial communities

Tuna Tasan-Kok, University of Amsterdam

Revolutionary Islamic Organizations and Land Ownership Conflicts in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas of Tehran

Azadeh Mashayekhi, UCL

Financialization and the Making of New Wuhan

Zhigang Li, Wuhan University

Thinking the City-Region from the Periphery: Spatial and Political Reconfiguration in Morocco

Maryame Amarouche, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

11:30-1:00pm

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Panel 5: The Many Faces of Colonialism

Moderator/Discussant: Jens Hanssen, Orient-Institut Beirut

National Plans for the Day After: the State Process, Capital, and Distribution of Precarity and Stability across Palestine

Kareem Rabie, University of Illinois, Chicago

Between Land and Live: Insurgent Geographies of Reproduction in Palestine's Frontiers

Omar Jabary Salamanca, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Rhythms of Disruption: Palestinian everyday life encounters of spatio-temporal injustice

Maha Samman, Al-Quds University

2:30- 5:00pm

Panel 6: Governing with and without the State

Moderator/Discussant: Rana Sukarieh, AUB

A Seascape of Power: Turkish Energy Infrastructure in Ghana

Gokce Gunel, Rice University

Politics in the Crevices: Urban Design and the Making of Property Markets in Cairo and Istanbul

Sarah El-Kazaz, SOAS, University of London

Urban Governance and Cityness: New Egypt and the Financialized Afterlives of Planning Traditions

Momen El-Husseiny, American University in Cairo

Syrian Refugee Camps in Jordan: From Shelters to Dwellings

Ayham Dalal, German University in Cairo

5:00pm

Closing Note: Mona Harb

6:00-7:30pm [In Issam Fares Institute, Bassile Antoine Meguerdiche Conference Hall, basement level auditorium]

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Closing Roundtable: Palestine, How can we *care* as Urbanists

Moderated by Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia University