

BOOM CITIES: URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA CONFERENCE

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI, DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2012

MONDAY, DECEMBER 03 | DAY 1

9:00 – 9:30 AM **OPENING REMARKS**

9:30 – 10:00 AM **PRESENTATION OF THE PHOTO EXHIBITION**

On the Outskirts of Gulf Cities

Photographs by **Manuel Benchetrit** Text by **Roman Stadnicki**

10:00 – 10:40 AM **Keynote Nelida Fuccaro**, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

11:00 – 1:00 PM **PANEL1: Urban Development**

Chair **Claire Beaugrand**, Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Beirut

Andrew M. Gardner, University of Puget Sound

The Amalgamated City: Petroleum Wealth and Urban Space in Doha, Qatar

Philippe Cadène, Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

The National Development Plan and the Future of Kuwait City

Brigitte Dumortier, Université Paris 4 Sorbonne

Concurrence and/or complementarity between coastal cities in the United Arab Emirates

John Burt, New York University Abu Dhabi

The environmental costs of coastal urbanization in the Gulf

2:00 – 4:00 PM **PANEL 2: Urban Renewal**

Chair **Pascal Menoret**, New York University Abu Dhabi

Atef Alshehri, University of Oxford

Resetting the Urban Clock: Reconfiguring the Sacred City of al-Madina

Nadine Scharfenort, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz

Large-Scale Urban Regeneration: A New Old Market and a “Heart” for Doha

Beth Harrington, Northwestern University

Spaces of Culture: The Design and Arrangement of Abu Dhabi’s Saadiyat Island

Patrizia Zanelli, LUSPIO University, Rome

Rapid Urbanization in Yemeni Short Stories

6:30 – 8:30 PM **PUBLIC LECTURE**

Intercontinental Hotel Auditorium

“Where the Sidewalk Ends: Informal Urbanism in Dubai” by Yasser Elsheshtawy, Associate Professor, United Arab Emirates University

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 04 | DAY 2

10:00AM – 12:00 PM **PANEL 3: Spatial Politics**

Chair **Amelie Le Renard**, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Ulrike Freitag, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin
Urban Modernization in Jeddah in the late 19th and early 20th century

Farah al-Nakib, American University of Kuwait
The Right to the Urban Commons: Public Space and Public Protest in Kuwait, 1938-2012

Sebastian Maisel, Grand Valley State University
Urban development in Unayzah: Where is the Paris of Najd today?

Pascal Menoret, New York University Abu Dhabi
Joyriding in Riyadh and the Critique of Urban Space

02:00 – 4:30 PM **PANEL 4: Urban Margins**

Chair **Roman Stadnicki**, Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Economiques, Juridiques et Sociales, Cairo

Claire Beaugrand, Institut Français du Proche-Orient
Urban Marginalization in Kuwait and Bahrain

Amelie Le Renard, Centre national de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
Respectability and Racist Modes of Exclusion in Riyadh: Experiencing the City with Female Filipino Nurses

Magdalena Karolak, Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University
Bahrain's Parallel Societies: An Analysis of the Urban Landscape

Laure Assaf, Paris West University
The Corniche of Abu Dhabi: Public Space and Outdoor Intimacy

Amin Moghadam, University of Lyon
Iranian Migrations to Dubai: Transitional Spaces and Practices

4:30 PM **Keynote Yasser Elsheshtawy**, United Arab Emirates University