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 PANEL 1: 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