

URBAN ECOLOGIES OF THE LOWER NILE VALLEY

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 01 | JUNE 11, 2023

AMPHITHEATER OF THE FRENCH INSTITUTE IN EGYPT

6pm - 8pm **Midan Mounira Public Lecture: Aya Nassar and Dalila Ghodbane —
*Urban Ecologies in Egypt***

DAY 02 | JUNE 12, 2023

ORIENTAL HALL, AUC TAHRIR

9:30am **Tea and Coffee**

10am **Introduction**

10:30am **PANEL 1: POLITICAL ECOLOGIES**

Chair: Marie Vannetzel (CNRS, CEDEJ)

Rana Baker (Brandeis University) — *Ecologies of Debt in the Egyptian Nile Valley: Prosperity and its Transformations*

Jessica Barnes (University of South Carolina) and Mariam Taher (Northwestern University) — *Circulations of Bread in Cairo: Labor, Care, and Ethics in Urban Ecologies*

Dina Wahba (University of Salzburg) — *Environmental Activism in the City*

12:30pm **Lunch Break**

2pm **PANEL 2: BUILDING THE VALLEY**

Chair: Dina Bakhoum (CEDEJ, IFAO)

Corten Perez-Hous (University of Paris) — *Building the Sustainable City: Red Brick Supply Chains in Cairo and Khartoum*

Dalia Wahdan (American University in Cairo) and Holger Gladys (German University in Cairo) — *El-Gibs el-Baladi, Fustat in Three Images*

Dalila Ghodbane (Urban planner, Brussels) — *Cairo on the Senne, Brussels on the Nile? Architectural Issues in a Comparative Perspective*

4pm **Tea and Coffee**

4:30pm **PANEL 3: WATER**

Chair: Sophie Frankford (CEDEJ)

Ehsan AbuShadi (Megawra) — *Flowing Wildness: A Look at the Manifestations of Water in Cairo*

Delphine Acloque (Ministry of Municipalities, Qatar) — *Flows of Urban Wastewater, Infrastructure, and the Transformation of Urban-Rural Relationships in Qatar and Egypt*

Aya Nassar (University of Warwick) — *“Explode your Old Bathroom”: Tracing the Neoliberal City through Aesthetics of Materiality*

DAY 03 | JUNE 13, 2023
ORIENTAL HALL, AUC TAHRIR

9:30am

Tea and Coffee

10am

PANEL 4: RIVERS AND DELTAS

Chair: Hala Bayoumi (CNRS, CEDEJ)

Matthieu Duperrex (ENSA Marseille) — Delta Subsidence as a Total Social Fact: The Lower Mississippi Case

James Okolie-Osemene (University of Umuagwo) — Climate Change Adaptation in the Niger Delta's Ecologically Threatened Neighborhoods

Alexandra Schultz (University of Denver) — The Disappearance of Lake Hadra: A Historical Perspective on Urban Water Crises in Egypt

12pm

Lunch Break

2pm

PANEL 5: LEAVING THE VALLEY

Chair: Mehdi Labzaé (CNRS, CEDEJ)

Florian Bonnefoi (University of Poitiers) — Leaving the Nile to be Happy? The New Coastal Cities, between Environmentalist Discourse and Ecological Impact

Mohammed Gamal-Eldin (Rutgers University) — Greening Deserts: A History of Water, Power, Garden and Canal Design in Modern Egypt

Vanessa Lehmann-El Shalakany (University of London) — Islands in the Desert

4pm

Tea and Coffee

4:30pm

CONCLUSION AND FINAL DISCUSSION

Jerry C. Zee (Princeton University)