

# CITY DEBATES 2014

OF PROPERTY IN PLANNING:

HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND CONTEMPORARY PRACTICES

MARCH 7-8

**ARCHITECTURE LECTURE HALL, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

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**9:30 Introduction**      **Makram Suidan**, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, AUB  
**Mona Fawaz**, Associate Professor and Coordinator, MUPP/MUD, AUB  
**Nada Moutaz**, Assistant professor in Near Eastern Languages and  
Cultures and Comparative Studies, Ohio State University

**10:00 Keynote #1**      **Nicholas Blomley** - Why and how property matters to planning  
**Discussant:** Omar Razzaz

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

## **11:45-1:30 Panel 1: Law and Property**

**Edesio Fernandes** - A step towards the right to the city? An assessment of Brazil's 2001 City Statute

**Ayona Datta** - The elusive struggle for the legal city: Squatters, tenure and the myth of resettlement in Delhi slums

**Ann Varley** - Normalising informal settlements? Titling and the construction of everyday properties

**Discussant:** Samer Ghamroun

1:30-3:00 Lunch

## **3:00-4:30: Panel 2: Representing Property**

**Yucel Kaya** - Politics of cadastral property assessment in the Ottoman provincial towns in the nineteenth century

**Aziz Hallaj** - Cadasters, property and the creation of Modernity in the Levant

**Eric Denis** - Ordinary occupancy contested and property engineering from Indian's city to Egypt: Scale, democracy and inclusive planning

**Discussant:** Richard Smith

4:30-5:00 Coffee Break

**5:00 Keynote #2**      **Hurichan Islamoglu** - Globalization and the Politics of Property

**Respondent:** Fawwaz Traboulsi

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**9:30-11:00: Panel 3: Making Private Property**

**Martha Mundy, Cynthia Gharios, & Saker El Nur** - The urban in the rural: commodification, land-use and landscape in a village of S Lebanon (19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> centuries)  
**Mona Fawaz** - The politics of property in planning: Hezbollah's reconstruction of Haret Hreik (Beirut, Lebanon) as case study  
**Ozan Karaman** - Contested trajectories of urban renewal in Istanbul  
**Discussant:** Vijay Prashad

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

**11:30-1pm: Panel 4: Thinking Property Otherwise**

**David Correia** - The fetishism of common property and its secret  
**Nada Moutaz** - Alienating inalienables, remaking the Muslim community: waqf exchanges during the reconstruction of Beirut's Central District  
**Abir Saksouk-Sasso** - Contesting national authority in the construction of public space: Dalieh or the making of communal spaces in Beirut  
**Discussant:** Nadia von Maltzahn

1:00-2:30 Lunch

**2:30-4:30 Roundtable: Taxation**

**Charbel Nahas**, Economist and Professor at AUB, LAU, Lebanese University  
**Vincent Renard**, Economist and Director of Research at the French National Centre for Scientific Research  
**Discussant: Mounir Rached**, Vice President and a founding member of the Lebanese Economic Association  
**Panel Moderator:** Mona Harb

4:30-5:00 Closing



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