

CITY DEBATES 2014

OF PROPERTY IN PLANNING:

HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND CONTEMPORARY PRACTICES

MARCH 7-8

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE HALL, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

FEA-ARd, MASTERS IN URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY & MASTERS IN URBAN DESIGN

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 Introduction **Makram Suidan**, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, AUB
Mona Fawaz, Associate Professor and Coordinator, MUPP/MUD, AUB
Nada Moumtaz, 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

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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

Martha Mundy, Cynthia Gharios, & Saker El Nour - The urban in the rural: commodification, land-use and landscape in a village of S Lebanon (19th – 21st 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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