AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE
Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation and Critique

February 14 - 15, 2019
MSU Union, Lake Huron Room

The Global Urban Studies Program, the Department of Anthropology, and the Muslim Studies Program are pleased to announce an interdisciplinary conference entitled Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation and Critique. Conference panelists, from the Middle East, Europe and the United States, will address a number of topics including environmental issues in Arab cities, the contributions of ethnic and religious minorities to urban life, the political economy of redevelopment and questions of civil conflict and post-conflict reconstruction. The inclusion of cities with significant Arab populations outside the Middle East enables exploration of questions of coexistence and conflict, and of the rich cultural production that globalization makes possible.

Keynote Speakers

Thursday, February 14
Extreme but not Exceptional: Gulf Cities as Harbingers of Urban Futures
Harvey Molotch, Emeritus Professor of Social & Cultural Analysis and Sociology, New York University

Friday, February 15
Urban Citizenship and the Politics of Presence in the Age of Forced Population Displacement
Mona Fawaz, Professor of Architecture and Design, Faculty of Engineering and Design, American University of Beirut

Conference details and free registration:
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