

# SPACE AND POLITICS

## Capital Cities as Instruments of Political Struggle and Power



**Research Workshop**  
**January 10-11, 2023**  
**CEDEJ Cairo**

**SPACEPOL**



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« Space And Politics: Capital Cities As Instruments Of Political Struggle And Power »

**SEMINAR      10th january 2022**

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### **10-13 : Cairo as a capital city : directions, representations and knowledge gaps**

Welcome words by Pascal Menoret, CEDEJ director

Presentation of the project by the coordinator, Gulcin Erdi, CNRS (Citeres, Tours and IFEA, Ankara)

A few words about the organization, Agnès Deboulet, University Paris 8, LAVUE

#### **10h30-11h00 City on the making**

Corten Perez-Huis (Géo-Cités) : « Building the capital city : urbanisation and industrial production of red bricks in Cairo and its margins ».

Dalia Wahdan (AUC) and Tamer El Shayal (Harvard U.) : "Debt-based financing of infrastructure and the futures of Cairo"

#### **11h<sup>00</sup>-11h30 City defeated and regenerated ?**

Bénédicte Florin (Citeres-Emam, Univ. Tours): The end of a central, historical and heritage margin: relocation, modernization and standardization of the Cairo Tanneries

Laura Monfleur (Citeres-Emam, Univ. Tours): "Politics of synecdoche: how Tahrir square is produced as a state performance ?"

General discussion.

#### **12h00-12h45 Capturing the city by its regulations and practices**

Randa Abel Aziz Mahmoud (UFE), New Cairo, new settlements : an overview of planning

Virgile Vilard (ENS-Lyon) The triangle of elites : distinctive practices of mobility and escape (visio)

### **2-5 : Expansion and « over-urbanization »**

Gulcin Erdi : (CNRS Citeres-Emam, IFEA) A capital city in the making in a conflictual political context : Urbanisation and environnement in Ankara

Ahmed Zaazaa (10 tooba) : The extractive city

Agnès Deboulet (Univ. Paris 8) : About glory and rebirth, the Nac, an escape game ?

Jeanne Gorin (Univ. Paris 8) : Surveying land and housing developers in the NAC (visio)

Diner

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DAY TWO. CEDEJ

**Closed session**

**10-12 Morning session : Methodological issues**

Round table with several short presentations :

(1) S. Belal, A. Deboulet, A. Zaazaa

(2) K. Tawfik

(3) Corten Perez-Huis

(4) Laura Monfleur

Discussion : Youssef el Chazli

**12-1 : Way forward with Spacepol**

**Lunch**