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-Houis (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
Dalilah 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)