



On Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11am **Malak Labib** will present her research on **Labor, Development and the Welfare State in Egypt**.

Abstract

In this talk, I will present preliminary reflections on my research project which examines the entangled history of labor, development and welfare in postwar and post-1952 Egypt. More specifically, the project investigates the history of industrial labor in Egypt, and takes this history as a vantage point to examine the dynamics and tensions that shaped the rise of the developmental-welfare state in the second half of the twentieth century. It looks at how questions of labor mobilization and management became at the heart of the economic planning and social engineering strategies, promoted by state elites and international actors, and how, at the same time, industrial workplaces became contested terrains where norms and regulations were negotiated and contested..

About the speaker:

Malak Labib is a research fellow at the Institut français d'archéologie orientale (IFAO) in Cairo. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Europe in the Middle East—the Middle East in Europe (EUME) program and the Free University of Berlin.