



On Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 11am at CEDEJ, **Yasmin Hussein** will present her research **The Defeat of Blue and Green to Gray**.

Abstract

In this talk, I will present the findings and insights gathered from multiple studies conducted by HCSR (The Human and the City for Social Research) on public spaces in Alexandria last year (2022/2023). The studies examine the complex interconnections between public spaces, the environment, social practices, and policies in the city. Specifically, the focus is on the transformation of beaches and the Corniche land use from 2013 to 2023, and its impact on the daily lives of Alexandrians. The presentation will also delve into the state of green spaces and gardens in Alexandria during the same period. These studies aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the changes in public spaces, analyzing their effects on the social fabric of the city, including recreational habits, leisure activities, and community engagement. Overall, this talk contributes to the ongoing discourse on urban planning, environmental sustainability, and the social dynamics of public spaces, with the goal of generating awareness, stimulating discussion, and fostering social dialogue.

Yasmin Hussein is currently the Research Director at the Human and the City for Social Research. She is also an independent artist, with a passion for the history, heritage, and nature of Alexandria. She worked as a researcher at Bibliotheca Alexandrina from 2009 to 2018 on numerous research projects and publications, such as *Sacred Places and Popular Practices across the Mediterranean* (2010), several booklets in Arabic and English about archaeological sites in Alexandria (2016), and *Alexandria: Past and Present* (2020). She has also written several articles and research papers in Egyptian and international journals on the environment and climate, most recently "Is the City Sinking?" (2022) and "Development on Egypt's Northwest Coast: Setting Up a Vicious Circle of Climate Disruption" (2023).
