SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Tessa Farmer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at University of Virginia. Her next book is on charitable water fountains (sabils), and an ongoing research collaboration with Megawra on greywater use and urban farming.

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Leila M Harris is a Professor at the University of British Columbia. Her work analyzes a range of governance and political considerations from feminist, equity, and sustainability perspectives—with research focused on water politics, governance, and justice.

Christian Henderson is Assistant Professor at Leiden University in the Netherlands. His research focuses on food systems in the Gulf states and the political ecology of the Middle East.

Gabi Kirk is an Assistant Professor at Cal Poly Humboldt. She received her PhD in geography with a designated emphasis in feminist theory and research from University of California, Davis.

Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani is Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California. His current book project examines the connections between anticolonial resource nationalism, industrializing developmentalism, and the natural world in the Global South through the history of Iran's natural gas infrastructure.

Zozan Pehlivan is Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is an environmental historian with a focus on the relationship between environmental stress and the rise of inter-communal violence in the Middle East.

Nancy Reynolds is Associate Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. She is the author of *A City Consumed: Urban Commerce, the Cairo Fire, and the Politics of Decolonization in Egypt*. She is currently completing a book on the building of the Aswan High Dam.

Zakia Salime is a Fulbright scholar and Associate Professor at Rutgers University. She is the author of *Between Feminism and Islam: Human Rights and Sharia Law in Morocco*. She is working on a book manuscript on gender and extractive governance in Morocco.

Benjamin Schuetze is head of the Emmy Noether Research Group at the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) in Freiburg, Germany. His research examines transregional authoritarian practices and the politics of intervention via a focus on the political economy of renewable energies in the Middle East and North Africa, and US and European "democracy promotion" initiatives in Jordan.

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Moderator: Samer Alatout, UW-Madison

Leila Harris, University of British Columbia
Intersectional and Equity Perspectives on Climate Change

Gabi Kirk, Cal Poly Humboldt
Cultivating a Sustainable Sovereignty?
Agriculture as a Terrain of Struggle in Northern Palestine

Kim Fortuny, Bogazici University/Turkey
'I am a tree in Gulhane Park':
An Istanbul Environmental Movement and its Literary Roots

Zakia Salime, Rutgers University
Silence as Testimonial:
The Untold Story of a Privatized Water Spring

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LUNCH BREAK

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PANEL 2: CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY
Moderator: Adam Stern, UW-Madison

Christian Henderson, Leiden University/Netherlands
What is the political ecology of climate change in the Middle East?
Development and adaptation in a region of inequality

Benjamin Schütze, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute/Germany
The Coloniality of Energy Interconnection Projects
in and across the Southern Mediterranean

Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani, University of Southern California
A Vector of Acceleration: Energy Infrastructure, Development,
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Tessa Farmer, University of Virginia
Building Towards Liveable City Spaces with Sabils in Cairo

Nancy Reynolds, Washington University in St. Louis
Designing Thermal Comfort:
Hassan Fathy's "Natural Energy" Architecture

Zozan Pehlivan, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Climate and the Political Ecology of
Violence in the Ottoman Middle East