Ecologies of Capital in the Middle East  
Friday, April 28, 2017  
McKinney Conference Room, Watson Institute, 111 Thayer Street

9:00-9:30 AM   Breakfast  
9:30-9:45 AM   Opening Remarks by Elizabeth Williams, Brown University  
9:45-12:00 AM   Panel I: Ecology, Capital, and the Politics of Empire  
Nora Barakat, New York University Abu Dhabi, “Ottoman Courts and Capital Expansion in Late Ottoman Syria”  
Elizabeth Williams, Brown University, “Imperial Rule and Ecologies of Finance: Capitalizing the Rural in Late Ottoman and French Mandate Syria”  
Discussant: Beshara Doumani, Brown University  
12:00-1:30 PM   Lunch  
1:30-3:00 PM   Panel II: Resources, Development, and Decolonization  
Charles Anderson, Western Washington University, “Colonial Development and the Origins of Mass Landlessness in Arab Palestine: A Regional Perspective”  
Ahmad Shokr, Swarthmore College, “In the Tracks of Empire: Railways, Energy, and Decolonization in Egypt”  
Discussant: Nancy Jacobs, Brown University  
3:00-3:30 PM   Coffee Break  
3:30-4:30 PM   Roundtable Discussion  
4:30-4:45 PM   Concluding Remarks