

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"
- Aaron Jakes, The New School, "Crisis, 'Real Wealth,' and the Ecology of Interest in Egypt: An Alternative History of the Five Feddan Law"
- 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