

The demand for adequate housing is becoming an urgent topic worldwide, especially in the global south. One globally recognized habitat solution is the cooperative housing and its diverse management models. In Cairo, the rapidly growing urban population was the impetus for civil reformers of the 1950s to promote housing delivery combining state investment and self-provisioning. Since then, cooperative housing acts through co-operation between public and private stakeholders, sharing the main principles: self-help, self-responsibility, democratic management, equal rights and benefits of the residents, equity and solidarity for a sustainable housing settlement.

However, housing cooperatives in Egypt today suffer from mismanagement and deterioration of the build environment. This workshop aims to study and discuss these existing channels of cooperative housing delivery in Cairo. We will introduce the cooperative movement through invited experts to build up a common understanding of self-provisioning in the housing sector. The aim of the excursion to Cairo is to study and document projects in situ and prepare a Cooperative Housing Atlas for Cairo.

Habitat Unit of Technical University Berlin in collaboration with Faculty of Fine Arts, Helwan University will conduct an extensive fieldwork in two selected study areas: 1) **Wadi Houf in Helwan** 2) **Hada'eq Al-Ahram in Giza** to explore the reality and history of housing cooperatives in Greater Cairo. The fieldwork methodology includes observations and semi-structured interviews, mental mapping of the residents perception and urban survey of the neighborhood.

**We will ask: How do socio-economic/political factors affect the success of housing cooperatives as a self-provision model in Egypt?**



Building communities through cooperative housing in Cairo

REAL CITY LAB

WORKSHOP1

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## EVENTS

Kick-off Symposium in Cairo,  
19th-20th November 2016.  
Regular partners coordination meetings  
Public lectures in Cairo  
Seminars in Cairo/Berlin  
Workshops with students Cairo/Berlin  
Training of Trainers in Cairo/Berlin

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