

This seminar introduces urbanization trends and challenges in the MENA/Arab region. Current urbanism in Arab countries has taken different paths. Some countries are still suffering from civil wars, others are struggling with political reforms. Meanwhile, the Gulf states are booming with many (controversial) urban mega-projects which aim at creating a new identity and a diversification of economic resources.

The seminar will discuss the geopolitical situation and urbanization processes in different countries in the MENA/Arab region, and their implications on different urban typologies. The focus will be on participation, perception and

practice within the urban governance framework and the political context. Public space is a core element that represents the roles and relations between the state, citizens and other stakeholders. We will include cases from Tunisia, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine and Egypt, and some contributions from invited experts who will share their experience from other Arab countries.

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