



WORKSHOP

Dispossession and Collective Action

Neoliberal (Re-)structurings of the Rural in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey

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The social, economic and political effects of neoliberal reforms in the Southern Mediterranean have led to an increase in publications in recent years. Yet when it comes to rural regions, the current capitalist transformation and the collective responses they trigger remain an under-researched and under-theorised area of Middle Eastern Studies. With our two-day workshop “Dispossession and Collective Action: Neoliberal (Re-)Structurings of the Rural in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey” we attempt to address this gap in the scholarship by examining different forms of resource extraction as well as the collective responses that they have set in motion, particularly in rural areas. To this end, the workshop intends to bring together internationally renowned scholars and young researchers who come from the disciplines of social anthropology, sociology, critical geography, political ecology and political science. We will focus on the mechanisms and dynamics behind the commercialisation of natural resources; the role of state and non-state actors in the acts of dispossession targeting local communities; and the repertoires and frames of reference of collective practices that emerge from these transformations.

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