



# **SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA**

## **Digest of Current Publications and Events**

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## Call for Papers and Conferences

- [Protecting Religious Freedoms and Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa](#) at Rowaq Arabi
- [Stemming from Extracted Grounds: Extractivism, Resistance, and Possibilities of Scholarship](#) at Princeton University
- [Panel: Middle East Encounters](#) at the 2020 International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences – IUAES

## Talk & Other Events

- [The Algerian Popular Movement \(Hirak\): Analysis and Perspectives](#) (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Columbia University)
- [Palestinian Arab Citizens in Israel](#), Equality Struggle (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Oxford University)
- [Law, Culture and Human Rights in Asia and the Middle East](#) (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, British Institute of International and Comparative Law)

## Journal Articles & Other Academic Articles

- [Reclaiming the city's core: Urban accumulation, surplus \(re\)production and discipline in Cairo](#) by Lama Tawakkol
- [Was Egyptian Islamic Revivalism really Counter-Hegemonic? Sayyid Qutb and the Problem of Islamic Occidentalism](#) by Marco Demichelis
- [Framing, new social identity and long-term loyalty. Hizb ut-Tahrir's impact on its members](#) by Elisa Orofino
- [Feeling political times: Notes from downtown Beirut during the uprising](#) by Fuad Musallam
- [Feminist Dilemmas: How to Talk About Gender-Based Violence in Relation to the Middle East?](#) By Nadjé Al-Ali

## News Pieces & Commentary

- [From the Haitian revolution to the spectre of Tahrir: is a global revolution possible?](#) Open Democracy
- [Sudan general's meeting with Netanyahu sparks major row between military and civilians](#), Middle East Eye
- [REVEALED: The deal made in Iran that brought Iraq's new PM to power](#), Middle East Eye
- [Iraq protesters rally in Najaf after deadly clashes with Sadrists](#), Al Jazeera
- [Iraq protesters look to al-Sistani ahead of Friday sermon](#), Al Jazeera

- [Israeli forces kill 4 Palestinians in a day as tensions heighten](#), Al Jazeera
- [4 years after Giulio Regeni killing, Egypt and Italy grow ties in spite of unresolved case](#), Mada Masr
- [Gendered Labor and Structural Violence: The case of women farmworkers in Tunisia](#), Mada Masr

### **Positions & Opportunities**

- [Authoritarian Urbanism: Global Perspectives from the South \(Postdoctoral fellowships\)](#) from the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute
- [The Deakin Fellowship](#) at the University of Oxford
- [Joint Chair in Area Studies \(Middle East Studies\)](#) at the University of Exeter and Tsinghua University
- [Postdoctoral or More Senior Researcher on Contemporary Politics in the Arab World](#) at Princeton University

## CALL FOR PAPERS:

### **STEMMING FROM EXTRACTED GROUNDS: EXTRACTIVISM, RESISTANCE, AND POSSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP -- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

We invite intellectual workers to submit proposals concerning issues of material and/or intellectual extraction and its implications for scholarship and other cultural forms. Extractivism as a paradigm primarily designates the drawing of raw materials from the earth's natural environment—a process that disproportionately affects the peripheries of the world-system. This model is generalized under capitalist and colonialist systems of exploitation and value production to encompass the extraction of material and immaterial labor, and the commodification of natural resources and cultural artifacts. Furthermore, elite networks of knowledge production and dominant disciplinary methodologies are not extricable from this accumulation through dispossession, and scholarly work on underprivileged populations remains ambivalently implicated in expropriation across the world and particularly in the Global South. Under the conditions of university power/knowledge regime, non-dominant ways of knowing and being in the world—contained in literary, aesthetic, sacred, and intellectual production—are devalued and then processed as decontextualized interpretations.

The aim of this conference is to create a space for cultural workers to interrogate the forms of alienation inherent to academic institutionalization of marginalized epistemologies, from the detainment of cultural artifacts in museums and libraries to the various forms of translation that turn “folk” knowledges into scientific or state discourses open to commodification, abstraction, and dislocation. In addition to a critique of extraction, we want to invite scholarly self-reflection on methodology, institutional positionality, and relationality of interlocutors, languages, and archives, in order to explore the possibilities of different types of scholarship. We hope to draw a variety of projects focused on the ongoing histories of displacement, dispossession, and marginalization, and to engage them in conversations about the ethical complexities that cut across disciplinary divisions. Who chronicles the struggles taking place in landscapes being extracted from and why? How do we navigate the layers of extraction that are built into educational institutions and leave a mark on our work? What methodologies and relationships to a community, an archive, or a region can help us think about cultural possibilities stemming from extracted ground? How does the abstraction of theory intersect with the abstraction whose result is material violence, and how can we discuss these processes without erasing the forms of violence that constitute them? How do cartographic and other abstractions mystify extraction's geographical grasp in addition to shaping the various disciplinary formations in the academy? How do these geographies, built into intellectual disciplines and fields of study, impact the possibilities of academic collaboration and the dependence on state, corporate, or military research funding? How do existing studies and conceptualizations of the Global South, indigeneity, minoritization,

decoloniality, postcoloniality, queerness, and environmentalism foster or foreclose social change on the ground? What conceptual vocabulary help better analyze and resist the workings of extractivism and to elucidate the constitutive relations between social and physical landscapes, and material and intellectual labor? Other proposals may address: – activism & academia: representation, identity politics, boycott – environmental racism & climate apartheid: environmental in/justice, unequal distribution of effect and responsibility, developmentalism & environmental pollution – sustainability, “renewability,” climate interventionism (internationalism & transnationalism) – location & lifeworlds: international division of intellectual labor, access & enclosure – community & abstraction: thinking the world/global/planetary & the local/regional & centers/margins.

Please submit abstracts (max. 300 words) with a separate cover sheet featuring the applicant’s name, affiliation, and email address to [extractivism.princeton@gmail.com](mailto:extractivism.princeton@gmail.com) by March 1, 2020.

## **Event: The Algerian Popular Movement (Hirak) : Analysis and Perspectives**

Since 16 February 2019, a major popular movement (Hirak) has been underway across Algeria with regular weekly demonstrations bringing the country’s largest urban centers to a standstill. The unprecedented longevity and sustainability of a mass mobilization of this kind raise many interesting questions related to -the novel peaceful forms of contestation and their social makeup. The ways in which the Hirak is shaping the Algerian revolutionary imagery, the role and place of intellectuals in this context? In which way does this movement combine plural claims (Social justice, Human Right, etc.)? To discuss these issues, we invite three scholars/activists engaged in this struggle:

- Brahim Rouabah , PhD candidate in Political Science at CUNY and a graduate teaching fellow at Brooklyn College.
- Hamza Hamouchene is a London-based Algerian researcher-activist, commentator and a founding member of Algeria Solidarity Campaign (ASC), and Environmental Justice North Africa (EJNA).
- Mohamed Amer Meziane is a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Religion Culture and Public and the Institute of African studies at Columbia University.
- Moderated by: Mohamed Amine Brahimi is a Visiting Fellow at the department of sociology of Columbia University.

**Tuesdays, 11 February 2020.**  
**Columbia University, Department of Sociology.**  
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