

# EMERGENT ECOLOGIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Friday, April 20th, 2018 @ 4:30 pm  
Paino Lecture Hall

This panel presentation and discussion highlights the intersections of environmental transformations, politics, and cultures in the contemporary Middle East.

The five invited scholars will present insights from their ethnographic research on the roles played by water, science, bread, minerals, seeds, waste, land, and animals in people's everyday life and in the region's broader politics and economies. Panelists will foreground the important contributions of an anthropological and interdisciplinary approach to the study of changing ecology, infrastructure, resources and food politics in the region and beyond. The panelists' presentation will be followed by questions and discussion with the audience.

## Panelists:

Jessica Barnes, Assistant Professor of Geography, University of South Carolina

Tessa Farmer, Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Virginia

Simone Popperl, PhD Candidate in Anthropology at University of California Irvine

Kali Rubaii, PhD Candidate in Anthropology at the University of California Santa Cruz

Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Bard College

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