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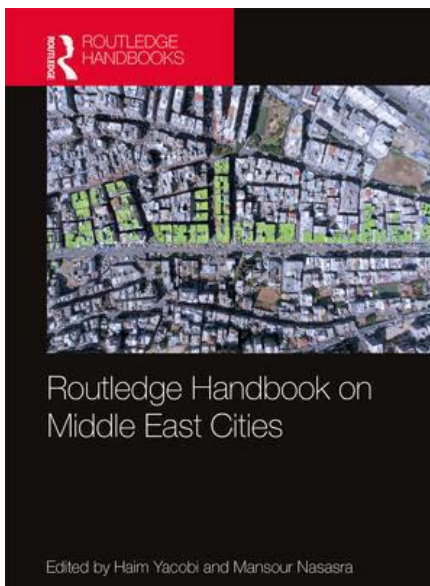
### **Book Launch: Routledge Handbook on Middle Eastern Cities**

(Haim Yacobi, Mansour Nasasra (eds.), Routledge, 2019)

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**5 - 7 pm**

Sciences Po, Salle du Conseil  
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Presenting the current debate about cities in the Middle East from Sana'a, Beirut and Jerusalem to Cairo, Marrakesh and Gaza, the book explores urban planning and policy, migration, gender and identity as well as politics and economics of urban settings in the region.

This handbook moves beyond essentialist and reductive analyses of identity, urban politics, planning, and development in cities in the Middle East, and instead offers critical engagement with both historical and contemporary urban processes in the region. Approaching "Cities" as multi-dimensional sites, products of political processes, knowledge production and exchange, and local and global visions as well as spatial artefacts. Importantly, in the different case studies and theoretical approaches, there is no attempt to idealise urban politics, planning, and everyday life in the Middle East — which (as with many other cities elsewhere) are also situations of contestation and violence — but rather to highlight how cities in the region, and especially those which are understudied, revolve around issues of housing, infrastructure, participation and identity, amongst other concerns.

### **Speakers**

**Eric Verdeil** (Sciences Po, CERl)

**Haim Yacobi** (University College London, DPU)

### **Discussants**

**Ozan Karama** (Paris Est, LATTs, CNRS)

**Hélène Thiollet** (Sciences Po, CERl, CNRS)

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