

[Publication Announcement: Special issue of World Architecture Magazine \(“The Cities and Architectures of the Middle East”\)](#)

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share the publication of the special issue of *World Architecture Magazine* (April 2020, Issue 202004, No. 358) we have guest co-edited. *World Architecture* (WA) is published by the School of Architecture in Tsinghua University in China. The issue is titled, “**The Cities and Architectures of the Middle East: New Challenges, Emerging Practices.**” Kivanc Kilinc, Carla Aramouny and Ghazal Abbasy-Asbagh from the MSFEA Department of Architecture and Design at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Mohammad Gharipour from the Department of Graduate Built Environment Studies at Morgan State University, and Sebnem Yücel from the Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture at MEF University contributed to this collection. Diverse projects by 11 architectural offices across the region have been covered, and distinguished colleagues from China, Lebanon and Turkey contributed with brief comments to reflect on the featured design works. Essays offer an overview of contemporary architecture and urbanism in the Middle East both by discussing the impact of prominent architectural projects and dominant trends in urban development and by introducing emergent practices that respond to global challenges and are informed by the local context and vernacular material cultures. More specifically, the collection investigates how these practices connect to the larger discipline and contribute to its transformation as a global discourse.

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The Cities and Architectures of the Middle East: New Challenges, Emerging Practices

“Editorial Preface: Changing Urban Landscapes, Enduring Crises, and Emerging Architectural Practices in the Middle East,” Kivanc Kilinc and Carla Aramouny

1- “Rethinking Urban Landscapes in Contemporary Middle Eastern Cities,”

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Mohammad Gharipour

2- "Temples of the Muses: Art Museums and the Middle East," Sebnem Yücel

3- "Practice in the Margins of Architecture," Ghazal Abbasy-Asbagh

4- "Environment, Activism, and Design: Emerging Practices in Lebanon," Carla Aramouny

List of Offices + Projects Featured:

1- AGi architects - Hisham A. Alsager Cardiac Centre, Al Sabah Medical Area, Kuwait

2- EAA-Emre Arolat Architects - Sancaklar Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

3- Ammar Khammash - Royal Academy for Nature Conservation, Jabal Ajloun, Jordan

4- Saad El Kabbaj, Driss Kettani, Mohamed Amine Siana - Technology School of Laayoune, Laayoune, Morocco

5- MARIAGROUP - American Community School Faculty Building, Beirut, Lebanon

6- OUALALOU + CHOI - Volubilis Museum, Volubilis, Morocco

7- East Architecture Studio - The Niemeyer Guest House Renovation, Tripoli, Lebanon

8- X Architects - Wasit Nature Reserve Visitor Centre, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

9- Studio Evren Basbug Architects - Bostanli Footbridge & Sunset Lounge, Karsiyaka, Turkey

10- L.E.FT Architects - House of Many Vaults, Niha, Lebanon

11- [Shift] Process Practice - Eilkhaneh Residential Building, Tehran, Iran

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