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LADIES AND LABORERS: REGULATING BODIES AND SPACES IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT



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Presented by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology DR. ELIZABETH FAIER, anthropologist and 20 year expert on Middle Eastern studies, presents her research on Dubai and the geographic distribution of gender in the city.

DUBAI is home to the tallest buildings and manmade archipelagos in the shape of palm trees. It is also home to Southeast Asian workers and other expatriates living in gritty labor camps and congested neighborhoods. FAIER showcases this COMPLEX DEMOGRAPHY. She explores how urban development not only GENDERS specific spaces as male or female but CONSTRUCTS and REGULATES gendered and classed social relations and practices.

FAIER is an independent scholar who previously taught at the University of Richmond and at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates. She is author of numerous publications including Gender, Organizations, and the Culture of Palestinian Activism and Culture and Customs of the Arab Gulf States. Faier is currently pursuing research in Haifa, Israel/Palestine and Dubai, U.A.E.

