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“NEGOTIATING CONFLICT IN LEBANON:  
BORDERING PRACTICES IN A DIVIDED  
BEIRUT” AT BEIRUT URBAN LAB / AND  
REVIEW BY L'ORIENT LE JOUR

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In conversation with:

**Sara Fregonese** (University of Birmingham)

**Ghenwa Hayek** (The University of Chicago)

**Tania El Khoury** (Bard College, New York)

IN LEBANON:

PRACTICES IN A DIVIDED BEIRUT”

Moderator:

**Mona Fawaz** (American University of Beirut)

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5:00 PM (GMT+3) via zoom

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# KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FRAMEWORK DATA COLLECTION

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The University's Research & Enterprise Service has requested information on knowledge exchange and engagement with the public and communities. Please complete the form below and return it to Professor Simon Morris ([S.DC.Morris@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:S.DC.Morris@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)) and Dr Tina Conkar ([t.conkar@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:t.conkar@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)) by **21 February 2023**.

Many thanks for your support with information gathering for this submission.

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Please use the template below to detail information on all projects you have undertaken since 1 January 2019 that involved public and community engagement. Please use one form per project.

<b>Project Title:</b>	"Negotiating Conflict in Lebanon: Bordering Practices in a Divided Beirut" at Beirut Urban Lab / and review by L'Orient Le Jour
<b>Project Date(s):</b>	June 2021
<b>URL Link to Project:</b>	<a href="https://www.beiruturbanlab.com/en/Details/796/negotiating-conflict-in-lebanon-bordering-practices-in-a-divided-beirut">https://www.beiruturbanlab.com/en/Details/796/negotiating-conflict-in-lebanon-bordering-practices-in-a-divided-beirut</a> <a href="https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1269303/ces-frontieres-invisibles-qui-nous-separent.html">https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1269303/ces-frontieres-invisibles-qui-nous-separent.html</a>
<b>Brief Description of Project (250-1000 words max.)</b>	
In the field below please give a brief outline of the project and what it entailed.	
<p>A book panel to present and discuss Hafeda's monograph "Negotiating Conflict in Lebanon: Bordering Practices in a Divided Beirut" (Bloomsbury, 2019). <i>Negotiating Conflict in Lebanon</i> makes visible the interplay between material and immaterial borders in sites of political and religious conflict. It exposes the methods through which sectarian narratives are constructed - arguing for the need to question, deconstruct and transform these constructions. Hafeda expands upon the definition of bordering practice by considering artistic research as a critical spatial practice which allows self-reflection and transformation of border positions.</p> <p>The event was organised and hosted by Beirut Urban Lab and included interventions by Sara Fregonese, Lecturer in Political Geography at the University of Birmingham (UK); Ghenwa Hayek, Associate Professor of Modern Arabic Literature in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago; and Tania El Khoury, Director of the Center for Human Rights and The Arts at Bard College (New York).</p>	

The Lebanese daily L'Orient Le Jour wrote a review about the book after attending the event.			
<p><b>Organisations Engaged with:</b> Please list the names of any organisations engaged with, such as Schools or Community Groups.</p>	<p>Beirut Urban Lab at the American University of Beirut University of Birmingham (UK) The University of Chicago (USA) The Arts at Bard College (New York)</p>	<p><b>Total participants:</b> Please give an approximate figure for the number of people who engaged with your project.</p>	<p>Online 80 participants + News daily audience</p>
<p><b>Knowledge Exchange Outcomes:</b> If relevant, in brief, please describe any knowledge exchange outcomes such as new approaches to working with a community.</p>	<p>Two hours online book panel that involves five academics from international universities in the UK, USA and Lebanon.</p>		