The Center for Gulf Studies (CGS) at the AMERICAN UNIVERSITY of KUWAIT® presents a lecture entitled:

FROM ELECTRICITY TO WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS AND URBAN PROTESTS IN LEBANON

PRESENTED BY: ERIC VERDEIL

In this talk, drawing on an urban political ecology perspective, Dr. Verdeil will analyze the failures and repeated crises of the electric and waste management infrastructure in Beirut, as the result not only of Lebanon’s crippled politics but also in light of long-term policies of reconstructing and transforming the post-war physical environment of Beirut. He will also examine the recent street protests and other less visible urban mobilizations and discuss their potential for changing politics and rebuilding the city according to alternative principles.

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