







Transnational Architecture and Urbanism

## **SEMINAR**

## MARCH 6, 2019, h. 17:00 Politecnico di Milano, Via Ampère 2, Room Gamma (MM2 Piola)

Cities of the Persian Gulf display themselves as exceptional in cosmopolitanism, architectural reach, and futuristic capacities. Critics, in turn, stress environmental backwardness, radical inequality and cultural dependence. The aim of this international seminar (and of the edited book from which it springs) is to show what Gulf cities can substantively teach: how world places connect to one another through new patterns of real estate investment, design, and human migration. Experts, problems, and putative solutions circulate to the Gulf and out of it. We can learn by attending to such Gulf trends that – for better or worse, and however inconsistent with prior analytic paradigms – are now ascendant in other world regions.

- Speakers: Harvey Molotch, New York University Davide Ponzini, Politecnico di Milano
- Discussants: Yasser Elsheshtawy, Columbia University Carolina Pacchi, Politecnico di Milano Valeria Talbot, ISPI - Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale Serena Vicari, University of Milan Bicocca
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## The New Arab Urban

Gulf Cities of Wealth, Ambition and Distress

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