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EXPLORATORY WORKSHOP:

# FEELING THE HEAT: ENVIRONMENTAL LABOUR AND CARE IN THE MENA REGION



**24-26  
FEBRUARY  
2025**

University of Napoli  
L'Orientale

**Sala Conferenze**  
Palazzo Corigliano  
Piazza San Domenico  
Maggiore, 12

## 24<sup>th</sup> February:

17:00-18:30: Launch of the Dossier: *Combatting the Gendered Impacts of Climate Change in the MENA Region: Opportunities, Challenges and Trade-Offs*. Ed. **Ersilia Francesca** (University of Naples, L'Orientale). "Antisala degli Specchi, Palazzo Corigliano".

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884861670?pwd=UkGegaaRRN9yb4nWa77bZpGAtqOjGn.1>

Meeting ID: **858 8486 1670** - Access code: **682630**

## 25<sup>th</sup> February:

9:00-11:00: *Opening remarks*

Introduction by UiO/Unior Team about the format and objectives of the workshop with **Ersilia Francesca** (Unior) and **Teresa Pepe** (UiO)

Roundtable introduction by workshop participants (5 min each)

*Moderated by Nefissa Naguib* (UiO)

11:00-11:30: *Coffee Break*

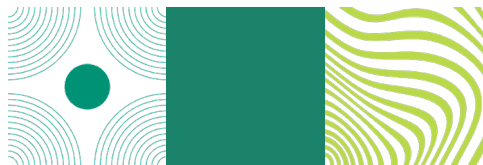
11:30-13:00: Keynote Speech: **Mounira Soliman** (Cairo University):

*"Egyptian Culinary Heritage and the Winds of Change"*

*Chaired by Monica Ruocco* (Unior)

13:00-14:00: *Lunch*

Energy and  
Environment





**14:00–17:00: Panel Discussion on Current Research  
on Environmental Care and Labour in the MENA region**

Moderated by **Sara Borrillo** (Unior)

**Marit Furehaug** (UiO): *Multispecies Entanglements in Egypt:  
Insect as Symbols of Awe, Innovation, and Sustainability*

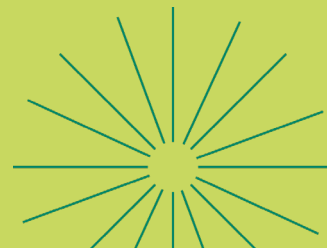
**Olga Solombrino** (Unior): *Patterns of Ecocide and Ecological Resistance:  
Material and Symbolic Practices of Seed Saving in Palestine*

**Alessia Carnevale** (Unior): *Environmental narratives  
of the Iraqi Marshes: Policies, Imaginaries, Art*

**Marta Tarantino** (Unior): *The Returning “Away”:  
Raising Environmental Awareness through Art in Jordan*

17:00: Visit to the **Statue of the Nile God** (Corpo di Napoli)

20:00: Dinner



**26<sup>th</sup> February:**

**9:30–11:00: Panel discussion: Environmental Care  
and Labour across Times and Disciplines**

*Moderated by Daniela Pioppi (Unior)*

**Lucia Carminati** (UiO): *Fecal Matters: A Social and  
Environmental History of Early Port Said*

**Soraya Batmanghelichi** (UiO): *Not Feeling the Heat? IRI  
Environmental Protection for Some*

**Nefissa Naguib** (UiO): *Out of the Blue:  
An ethnography of the afterlife of indigo*

**Monica Ruocco** (Unior): *“We are vain beings and only  
humility will save us”: Muhammad al-Makhzanji’s Project  
for Environmental Literature*

**11:00–11:30: Coffee Break**

**11:30–13:00: Keynote Speech: Sherine El Taraboulsi**

**McCarthy** (Start Network): *The Humanitarian Cost of  
Climate Change in the MENA Region: Opportunities and  
Challenges for Arab Philanthropists*  
*Chaired by Ersilia Francesca (Unior)*

**13:00–14:00: Lunch**







## 14:00-17:00: **Reading and Forms of Writing:**

Coordinated by **Nefissa Naguib** (UiO) and **Teresa Pepe** (UiO).

### 17:30: *Concluding Remarks*

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"Mural, Dubai, March 2024"

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