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## **Biography**

Oula Aoun is an Assistant Professor at the FAAD. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture, a Master's degree in Urban Planning and a Master's degree in the Conservation and Restoration of Historical Buildings and Sites from the Lebanese University. She has a PhD in 'Building Art and Urban Planning' from the Liège University in Belgium, where she has received the non-Fria grant for young researchers. Along with her professional practice in urban planning and urban design, Dr. Oula Aoun has research interests that include Urban megaprojects, Neo-liberal urban politics, urban morphology and energy, design and climate change. She is also a consultant in assisting local authorities in capacity building, governance, and strategic planning.

## **Peer-reviewed Journals**

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## **Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings**

- 2014, Les journées de la SFHU, société française de l'histoire urbaine (The days of SFHU, French society for urban history). Caen University, France. A seminar on cities' ports. Paper's title 'La crique de Dubai, une nouvelle centralité ou un nouveau fragment' (The Dubai Creek: a new centrality or a new city fragment).
- 2014, Séminar 'Le projet appliqué au territoire : relations, systèmes et complexité' (The project applied to territories: relations, systems and complexity), Tours University. Paper's title 'Le pilotage des mondes bricolés des mégaprojets à travers l'exemple de Dubai Marina'. (The 'pilotage' of 'crafted' worlds of megaprojects through the example of Dubai Marina).
- 2013, Journées de l'APERAU, Aix-en-provence, France. Paper's title 'La Dubaïisation, une métropolisation du zéro politique' (The Dubaization, a metropolization of zero politics).
- 2012, The Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, New York, USA. Paper's title 'Megaprojects in the Arab world, a reading through conception and Engineering operators'.
- 2012, Conférence 'Villes, pouvoirs et acteurs dans le monde arabe' (Cities, powers and actors in the arab world), GREMMO laboratory, Lyon, France. Paper's title 'Les mégaprojets aux pays du Golfe Arabe ; au-delà de la privatisation de la ville, le rôle de l'Etat' (The megaprojects in the Arabic Gulf countries: beyond the city privatization, the government's role).
- 2007, The regional conference of Barcelona, Mediterranean Heritage- Rehabimed, Spain. Paper's title 'The challenges of reconstruction in Bint Jbeil'.

## Chapters in Books

- 2017, Oula Aoun, Jihad Farah and Jacques Teller, Le pilotage des mondes bricolés des megaprojects à travers l'exemple de Dubai Marina (The 'pilotage' of 'crafted' worlds of megaprojects through the example of Dubai Marina). In Denis Martouzet (ed.) Le projet appliqué au territoire: relations, systèmes et complexité (The project applied to territories: relations, systems and complexity). Presses Universitaires François-Rabelais, Tours.
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## Specialized Reports

- 2016, Oula Aoun: Masdar, the zero-emissions city in the desert, between politics and technology. Al-Muhandes. OEA, Beirut.