

## Learning from Gulf Cities

Inspired by the classic book, *Learning from Las Vegas* produced in 1972 by architectural scholars Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown and Steven Izenour, we can learn from new, even 'outlandish' cities. They often reveal trends otherwise obscured by attention to more traditional urban sites. We look for lessons relevant for other cities around the world. Gulf cities like Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Doha are in fact both receivers and exporters of contemporary shifts – in tastes, capacities, and urban consequences.

This exhibition is part of the *Learning from Gulf Cities* initiative - a series of events in Abu Dhabi, New York and Milan that examines evolving urban dynamics in the Gulf region. Four scholarly workshops (one in New York, one in Milan, two in Abu Dhabi) and an extensive photographic survey have taken up its themes. This exhibition in Abu Dhabi precedes one to follow in Milan and publication of a book under the same title by NYU Press.

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**Sunday November 12 - Wednesday December 6, 2017**

Hours of operation: 3 pm - 10 pm

Associated Lecture:

**Nasser Rabbat, Aga Khan Professor, MIT**

“Historical Memory and Coca-Cola: Reflections on the Arabian Gulf Cities”

6.30 pm, Monday November 13, 2017  
NYUAD Conference Center

Learning from Gulf Cities - Photographs by Michele Nastasi



ABU DHABI, 2017  
Downtown Abu Dhabi



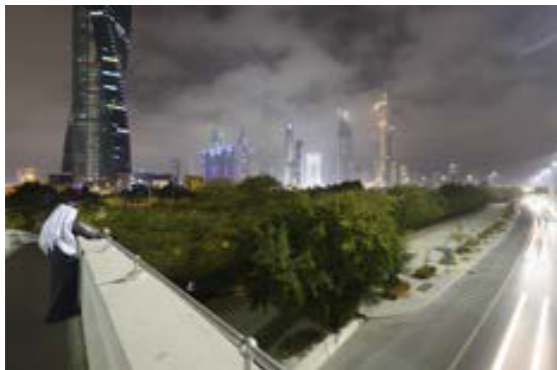
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View from the Old Town, Looking North



DUBAI, 2017  
View from Burj Khalifa



KUWAIT CITY, 2017  
View from Al Shaheed Park



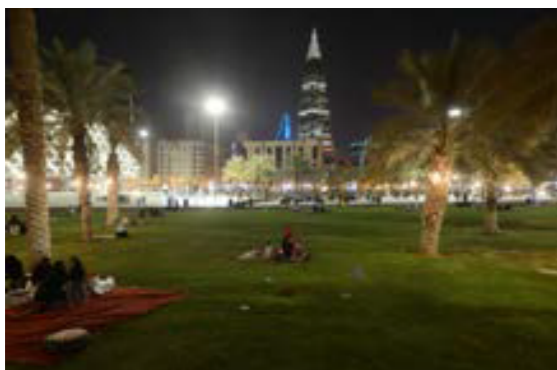
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Jaber Al Mubarak Street



DUBAI, 2017  
Sheik Zayed Road, Looking West



RIYADH, 2017  
View from King Abdullah Financial District



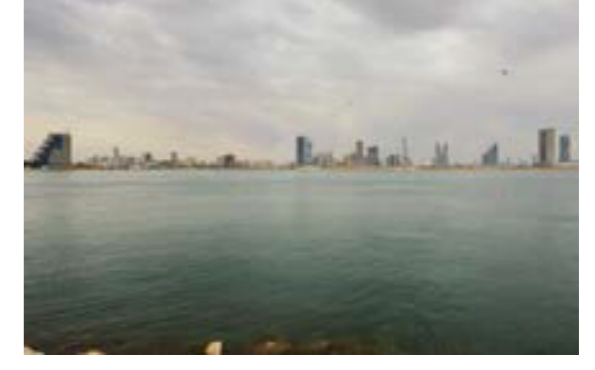
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MANAMA, 2017  
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ABU DHABI, 2017  
View from Al Reem Island



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View from Al Ghous