The Ard al-Lewwa neighborhood of Cairo (Google Maps)

Here is Part 2 of this week’s podcast. This was an experiment: Christopher Lydon of Radio Open Source is in town (with collaborator Mark Fonseca Rendeiro) and we invited them to join us and gathered some of our accomplished friends to discuss a topic that is close to all of our hearts: the city of Cairo and the shape it’s in today. Our conversation with architect and urban planner Omar El Nagati, blogger Mohamed El Shahed and writer/curator Sara Rifki was as rich, dense and meandering as the city itself.
Cairo in 2050, according to a masterplan adopted by the government

We discussed the meaning and potential of Cairo's reigning informality; how to find a balance between local initiative and state planning and regulation; whether the Muslim Brotherhood has a different urban development vision than the Mubarak regime; and the many exciting ways that Egyptians are laying claim to public space today.

SHOW NOTES

- Radio Open Source (http://www.radioopensource.org/)
- Cairoobserver (http://www.cairoobserver.com/)
- Beirut art and exhibition space (http://www.beirutbeirut.org/)
- Citizen Reporter (http://www.citizenreporter.org/)
- Ursula on the urban divides in Cairo, back in 2010 (http://www.thenational.ae/news/world/and-then-cairo-turned-itself-inside-out#full)
- A critique of the Cairo 2050 master plan (http://cairofrombelow.org/cairo2050/)
- Tim Mitchell's Rule of Experts (http://www.amazon.com/dp/0520232623/?tag=mh0b-20&hvadid=1468957413&ref=pd_sl_3xh0tyzu11_b)
- Once Again, Qursaya Residents Fight for their Land (http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/once-again-qursaya-residents-fight-their-land)

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