

Environmental Activism and Youth Engagement: Imagining a Sustainable Future in Algeria and its Neighbourhood

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The panel will explore recent movements, new social actors, and how youth in particular have been responding to the climate, biodiversity and environmental crises, as well as to territorial and structural inequalities in Algeria and the wider region of the Mediterranean. It will include papers that engage with different forms of mobilisation, social spaces and activism for the environment and sustainable livelihoods at a time of increasing awareness about the importance of transformational change in the way we fuel, farm, consume and live. How have democratic politics and citizens in the region responded to the crises in light of the COP26 in 2021? What kinds of strategies, as well as practical action on the ground, have been able to challenge hegemonic and populist trends that might prevent people's adaptation, migration and the necessary transformation of local economies? While exploring different understandings of these global challenges, and the perceptions of young people, the panellists will seek to draw on critical perspectives such as post-colonialism, political economy, the arts, feminist and constructivist theories.

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