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Cordially invite you a hybrid book launch and debate

**Tripoli, une ville dans la marge: luttes et quête de justice
(Tripoli, a City in the Margin: Struggles and Quest for Justice)**

With the author

Marie Kortam - Ifpo

Discussants

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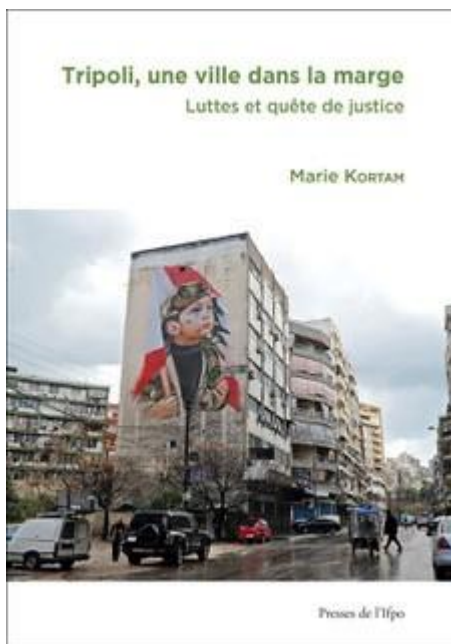
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Abstract: 'No theory can understand Lebanon': this is the myth that the author sets out to deconstruct. By combining sociological and anthropological theories with a meticulous ethnography, she tackles the malaise of a city, Tripoli, and beyond that, that of a country. In the face of constant conflict, the neoliberal policies imposed on the city and the elites, what form does the struggle from below take against the absence of public policy? The question of marginality and inequality is first examined by focusing on Bab al-Tebbaneh and Jabal Mohsen – two neighborhoods that are respectively Sunni and Alawite – and the particular spatial practices that prevail there: restrictions on movement and community appropriation of public space. The study then moves from the local to the national level, and concludes with a framework for analyzing injustices in Lebanon. In this way, Tripoli, a city on the margins, becomes a mirror city of the country, revealing the mechanisms of inequality and the responses they provoke.