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ONA Focushalle E7

CHARLOTTE  
MALTERRE-  
BARTHES

*Cairo Desert Cities*  
book launch

in conversation with

FOCO  
Marc Angéllil  
and Something  
Fantastic



Since the 1950s, Egypt has developed dozen new towns in the desert around Cairo. The book *Cairo Desert Cities* offers the first systematic exploration of these cities, analysing their architecture and urban form, their promise and shortcomings.

Intended to satisfy a growing demand for housing, most of the desert towns have never been completed. Taking this condition of permanently emerging urban development at face value, the study identifies the potential of these towns through a series of design scenarios. *Cairo Desert Cities* underscores the value of re-engaging with modernist town planning, for wiping away the dust of past failures may uncover the contours of future opportunities. The book will be introduced with a short lecture and will be on sale for a special price at the following apéro.