

Faculty Scholar Presentations

Is Revolution a Feminist Cause? Women's Movements and the Arab Spring in Cairo

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3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, April 17, 2015

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Neighborhood-Based Sustainable Food Waste Management

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Dr. Ning Ai's research and teaching interests focus on urban environmental planning and its integration with land use, industrial ecology, and sustainable economic development. She has worked for the World Bank, the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Co., and the Georgia State Department of Natural Resources. Her previous work experiences include the application of GIS in environmental protection, urban sustainability indicators, and the socioeconomic impact analysis of natural disasters. Most recently, Dr. Ai has engaged in the socioeconomic and spatial analysis of material and waste management, with a focus on electronic waste, post-consumer carpet, and municipal solid waste.

Dr. Isabel Cruz research areas include databases, geographic information systems, semantic web, information visualization, and security. Her current topics of research include information extraction and matching, big data (e.g., for geographical and biomedical information), visual analytics, context-aware role-based access control, data linking for urban resilience and sustainability, and crowdsourcing. With her students, Dr. Cruz has developed GIVA, an award-winning framework for the integration of spatial and temporal data.