



THE CENTER FOR MAGHRIB STUDIES IN TUNIS PRESENTS:

“DOUBLE BILL : FELLAHIN (FARMERS) AND GABES LABES (ALL IS WELL IN GABES)”

By Prof. Habib Ayeb

"Gabes Labess" (47 mins) interrogates current development models by focusing on the oasis of Gabes, the only coastal oasis in the world. What was once considered "the paradise of the world" has been transformed into a social, ecological and economic disaster; due to the construction, in the 1970s, of a chemical industrial complex that has deprived local farmers of their water, farmlands, and by extension their economic well-being and dignity. "Gabes Labess" is a cry of alarm, a call to act before it is too late!

"Fellahin" (38 mins) is a documentary that provides insights into a rarely discussed dimension of the Tunisian and Egyptian uprisings. It highlights the significance of farmers' courage and resourcefulness in the aftermath of the political and economic turbulence experienced in the region by providing farmers with the space to express their fears and hopes.

Habib Ayeb is an Associate Professor of Geography at Université Paris 8. Ayeb's research interests revolve around water issues, access to resources, poverty and marginality, agriculture and environment, as well as food security and sovereignty. He has (co) directed a number of documentary films, amongst which CEMAT is delighted to screen 'Gabes Labess' and 'Fellahin'.

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