



Twice a Month,
Mondays 17:00-19:00
Starting October 29, 2007

Venue:
Conference Hall
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ZMO-EUME-Colloquium

Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

Annual Theme 2007-2008: **Cosmopolitanism in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond**

Oct. 29: Introduction: Prof. Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Dr. Nora Lafi (ZMO)

I- A Philosophical Approach to Cosmopolitanism

Nov. 12: Dr. Martine Prange (University of Groningen): Cosmopolitanism and the Modern World: From Kant to Nietzsche

II- Ottoman Towns: Discussing the Cosmopolitan Paradigm

Dec. 10: Valeska Huber (Konstanz University): Cosmopolitanism on the Move: Port Said as Imperial Relay Station

Dec. 17: Dr. Ariel Salzman (Queen's University): Islamic Urbanity or Cosmopolitanism? The Ottoman Impact on the Mediterranean Moral Economy (1450-1800)

Dec. 18: Prof. Ethem Eldem (University Boğaziçi): Bourgeois Identity, Culture and Networks in Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries in Istanbul

Jan. 14: Dr. Marc Aymes (Paris, Fellow of Europe in the Middle-East – The Middle-East in Europe 2007-2008, ZMO): The Cosmopolitan Within: Compounds of Ottoman-ness In and Around a Modern Mediterranean Quasi-City. Cyprus in the 19th Century

Jan. 28: Prof. Suraiya Faruqi (Istanbul, University of Munich): Muslim and Non-Muslim Craftsmen in Istanbul at the End of the 18th Century: Reflections on Cosmopolitanism in an Urban Ottoman Context

Feb. 11: Dr. Muhammad Sabri al-Dali (Helwan University, Fellow of Europe in the Middle-East – The Middle-East in Europe 2007-2008, ZMO): Foreigners in Ottoman Alexandria: Coexistence and Discords

Feb. 25: Dr. Gergana Georgieva (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Fellow of Europe in the Middle-East – The Middle-East in Europe 2007-2008, ZMO): Cosmopolitanism and the Urban Governance of a Balkan Town – Sofia in the Late 18th - Early 19th Centuries

Mar. 10: Prof. Astrid Debold-Kritter (TU Berlin): Ottoman urban landscape and plural society at the end of the 18th century through the eyes of Antoine Ignace Melling

III- Post-Ottoman Towns and the Question of Cosmopolitanism: Nationalism, Colonialism, Ethnicism

Mar. 31: Dr. Bojan Aleksov (University College London): Balkan Cities 1878-1912: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalisms

Apr. 14: Prof. Henk Driessen (University of Radboud, Nijmegen): Cosmopolitanism in a Comparative Mediterranean and Historical Context

Apr. 21: Prof. Steven Vertovec (Max-Planck-Institut zur Erforschung multireligiöser und multiethnischer Gesellschaften, Göttingen): Exploring Socio-cultural Dimensions of Cosmopolitanism

May 19: Mehmet Yashin (Cyprus): Cosmopolitanism, Empire and the Nation: Karamanlidika's Role in the Modernisation of the Turkish Language and Literature

June 02: Prof. Fred Halliday (London School of Economics): Cosmopolitanism, Ethnicity and Nationality

Conclusion

June 16: Prof. Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Dr. Nora Lafi (ZMO)

Presentation of the Seminar

What is the historical experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in the Balkans, Anatolia, the Middle East, and North Africa - in dealing with the impact of global changes and the transformation from Empire to nation States? How did people of different cultural, social and religious backgrounds live together? How are such examples of conviviality, conflict, migration, and urban regimes of governance and stratification conceptualized? And how have urban traditions been reinterpreted, and what bearing does this have on modern conceptions of civil society, multicultural societies, migration, or cosmopolitanism. These and other questions will be addressed in this year's Seminar in Ottoman Urban Studies. This seminar is supported with funds of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.