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**Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium****Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar**

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi  
Annual Theme 2008-2009: Daily Life in Ottoman Towns

Monday, 24 November 2008, 5pm

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**'Buy your Bread on Saturday!'**

**Aspects of Everyday Relations between Christians and Muslims in Izmir during the Second Constitutional Period**

**Lecture by Dr. Vangelis Kechriotis**

After the initial enthusiasm among both Muslims and Christians for the restoration of the Ottoman Constitution, the social unrest that followed led to an increasing tension between Christians and Muslims. In Izmir, where the Christian population was predominantly Greek-Orthodox, this tension was triggered by rumors concerning plans for imminent violence. The purpose of this paper is to discuss aspects of this distrust that are related to patterns of everyday life, such as the purchase of basic commodities, by suggesting a parallel reading of sources that gives us a better insight to the presumed inevitability of the course of these events.

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**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, with a specific focus on daily life issues. This seminar is supported by the research program 'Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe' EUME with funds of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.