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

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi
Annual Theme 2010 -2011: *Urban Violence*

Monday, May 16th, 2011, 5 pm

The Civic Domestication Process of Urban Factional Violence in Late Middle-Ages Italian Cities**Lecture by Patrick Boucheron**

In late Middle Ages Italian cities, politics were characterized by the persistence of endemic urban violence. This matter of facts is generally attributed to factional conflicts. This is at least the image that narrative sources from the thirteenth century give, and which has long been relayed by traditional historiography. The political evolution of local powers has indeed long been seen as a consequence of such conflicts. Only the emergence of princely States could have ended them. This lecture is intended as a discussion of such interpretations and an attempt to present the related historiographical stakes in a comparative perspective with other situations in time and space. Through a few examples - feud as aristocratic revenge, popular commotion, reconciliation through the civic cults - the intent of the lecture is also to try and illustrate how aristocratic factional violence must be understood as an element of the diversity of political languages in Late Middle Ages Italian cities.

Patrick Boucheron is Associate professor in Medieval history at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. He is a specialist of urban history and political history of Medieval Italy. Among his publications: *Le pouvoir de bâtir. Urbanisme et politique éditoriale à Milan (XIVe-XVe siècles)* (École française de Rome : 1998). *Les villes d'Italie (vers 1150-vers 1340)* (Belin : 2004), *Léonard et Machiavel* (Verdier : 2009). He also oriented his research towards historiography and global history : *Faire profession d'historien* (Sorbonne : 2010), *Le mot qui tue. Une histoire des violences intellectuelles, de l'Antiquité à nos jours* (Ed., Champ Vallon: 2009) and *Histoire du monde au XV^e siècle* (Fayard: 2009).

Presentation of the Seminar

What is the experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in Asia, Europe and adjacent regions, 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 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? This year's Seminar will focus on questions of Urban Violence.

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