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Urban Studies Seminar 2011 - 2012

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

**Annual theme: Urban Sociability and Urban
Movements (Middle East, North Africa, Iran, Turkey)**

Monday, March 12th, 2012, 5 pm

From Promenades to Public Gardens: Urban Modernity in Istanbul's Middling Classes

Lecture by Ethem Eldem

The second half of the nineteenth century saw the emergence of a new type of locus for urban entertainment and sociability, the public garden. Much has been written on the importance acquired in the eighteenth century of gardens and promenades in the Ottoman capital, especially during the eighteenth century. The public garden, however, seems to have developed somewhat independently of its possible predecessor, almost as a western(ized) alternative to it. Based on the relatively well known examples of the "jardin municipal des Petits-Champs" and of the "jardin municipal du Taxim," together with other contemporary textual and visual references to public gardens, the seminar will address the issue of the social context and dynamics in which this new urban phenomenon developed during the last decades of Ottoman Istanbul.

Ethem Eldem is a professor at the Department of History, Bogazici University, Istanbul, and presently a fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. Among his fields of interest are foreign trade in the Levant in the eighteenth century, Ottoman funerary epigraphy, the development of an urban bourgeoisie in late-nineteenth-century Istanbul, the history of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, the history of archaeology in the Ottoman lands, and late-nineteenth-century Ottoman first-person narratives and biographies.