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Urban Studies Seminar 2012 - 2013

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

Annual Theme: Cities as Laboratories of Change

Monday, April 29th, 2013, 5 pm - 7 pm

South-South Migration: Moroccan Cities as Laboratories of Change

Lecture by Johara Berriane

Morocco has long been a transit destination for sub-Saharan migrants on their way to Europe. But since the late 1990s, due to the progressive reinforcement of EU-border controls, a lot of these transit migrants, who were not able to reach Europe, settled in Moroccan cities. Through the case of the city of Fez, J. Berriane will discuss in this lecture the extent of the impact of such recent migration flows on the transformation of Moroccan urban space. The presence of West Africans in Fez dates back to pre-colonial times when the city played a major economic, cultural and religious role in the region. Since the 19th century, it also became a pilgrimage destination for West African Tijanis visiting the tomb of their spiritual guide in the city. The analysis will focus on the Tijani shrine as a particular site of encounter and exchange among very diverse groups of people. It will question the impact of the long-term circulation of West African students, traders and pilgrims on the integration of migrants in the city today.

Johara Berriane is a PhD candidate at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies. Her PhD project focuses on the local impacts of transnational Sufi pilgrimages on the city of Fez (Morocco). Among her publications: «Ahmad al-Tijani and his Neighbors: The Inhabitants of Fez and their Perceptions of the Zawiya» in P.Desplat & D.Schluz (ed.), *Prayer in the City. The Making of Sacred Place and Urban Life*, 2012, pp.57-75. «La Ziyara des Tijanes sénégalais vers Fès: les diverses facettes d'un pèlerinage transnational» in HESPERIS-TAMUDA, Vol.XLVII, 2012, pp. 131-150, «La formation des élites subsahariennes au Maroc», in M. Mokhefi & A. Antil (ed.), *Le Maghreb et son Sud. Vers des liens renouvelés*, 2012, pp. 155-171.