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**Annual Theme: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on
Urban Marginality in Africa, the Middle East and Asia****Chaired by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi****Thursday, November 20th, 2014, 4 pm****The Tremendous Making and
Unmaking of the Peripheries
in Current Istanbul**Lecture by **Jean-François Pérouse** (ZMO, EUME Fellow)

Contemporary Istanbul is mostly studied through the prism of the central districts which are supposed to concentrate the main worthy urban qualities (heritages of the past, diversity of the population, international tourism, international culture economy...). Our viewpoint is to radically give up these academic habits in order to focus the attention on the unknown districts "without qualities", which are now representing the great part of the population and of the urban area. In other terms, the gravity centers of Istanbul have shifted a long time ago to these anonymous territories that are under construction and undergoing an impetuous process of identity building. After having described the main characters of the current new peripheries, we will try to scrutinize the process - peripheries formation and metropolitan integration – that is quite rapidly ensuing.

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