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## Refugees from al-Andalus and the urban evolution of the lower Medjerda valley in the 17th and 18th centuries

Lecture by **Dr. Beya Abidi** (ISHTC/LAAM, Tunis)

Twice a month,  
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This presentation deals with the second wave settlement of Andalusian refugees in the lower Medjerda valley near Tunis. Three main points will be addressed and discussed: (1) The context of exile and logics of the settlement of these refugees, (2) the origins of Andalusian towns in North Africa, their archaeological history and the concept of an Andalusian town in this context as well as (3) the influence of these refugee settlements on the local architecture and society. In the framework of these points different types of settlements as also the interaction between the Andalusian refugees and local urban societies, including urban institutions, guilds, other professional or confessional organisations, social networks and family or kin networks, will be examined.

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