

**Urban Studies Seminar  
2015 - 2016****Twice a month,  
Mondays 5 pm - 7 pm****Venue:**Conference Hall  
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Phone: (+49) (0) 30 80307- 0**Annual Theme: Refugees in the City****Chaired by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi****Monday, January 18th, 2016, 5 pm****Double lecture on****Ambiguities of Altruism: The Kaiserswerth  
Deaconesses and Relief Rivalries in post-1860  
Beirut**

by Prof. Dr. Julia Hauser

In humanitarian campaigns, it is often children who are in the focus of attention. One of the earliest humanitarian campaigns in which refugee children took center stage was the campaign in favor of the victims of the conflicts in Mount Lebanon and Damascus in 1860. Yet the campaign was not waged for the sake of children only. Instead, denominational rivalries and political ambitions were played out on the terrain of humanitarianism.

**Julia Hauser** is assistant professor of global history at the University of Kassel, Germany.

**Reflections on Displacement and Urbanism – The  
case of Zaatari Camp in Jordan**

by Ayham Dalal

Urbanization and displacement are becoming prominent features of our world today than any time before; yet both phenomena remain poorly explored and rarely linked. This presentation aims at finding new theoretical grounds for exploring the topic based on the 'act of re-crossing borders', by looking at the case of 'Zaatari' camp in Jordan and the dynamics that led to its urbanization. In opposition to existing escapist strategies, this presentation advocates the need to urgently develop in-depth studies focusing on the critical role of urban planning as a catalyst for the current global displacement and humanitarian crisis.

**Ayham Dalal** is an architect holding a master degree from Stuttgart and Ain Shams University. He has been engaged in several initiatives, workshops and consultancy work about the current Syrian refugee crisis. Ayham's research interests in regard to urban space are social justice, informality, resistance, and the politics of identity. Currently he is conducting a PhD research at Habitat Unit in TU Berlin about the urbanization of Syrian refugee camps as an interplay between a humanitarian and a socio-cultural order.