



## ZMO-Colloquium Winter Term 2017/2018

### *The Idea of Youth: Concepts, Practices and Lifeworlds of a Global Category*

Thursday, 25 January 2017, 6 pm

#### **Interviewing Youth - Constructing Knowledge. Insights from the FES MENA Youth Study 2016/2017**

Lecture by **Jörg Gertel** (Institut für Geographie, Universität Leipzig) and **Sonja Hegasy** (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)

This double-lecture presents a youth study carried out by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and TNS Infratest/Kantar Public in eight countries and among Syrian refugees living in Lebanon in 2016. The study addresses the risks and uncertainties that shape young people's everyday lives and require flexible modes of adapting to, and organizing life. The nationwide samples of a total of 9,000 teenagers and young adults between the ages of 16 and 30 were followed by 10 qualitative interviews per case-study to probe specific aspects of the quantitative data.

Following a general introduction to the study and a brief overview of the methodology applied, we will present examples of how we investigated uncertainty and insecurity (variables, items, and findings) and assess the scope of the study's analytical reach (who is included/excluded).

**Prof. Dr. Jörg Gertel** is professor of Arabic Studies and Economic Geography at the University of Leipzig. Study, work or research affiliated him with the universities of Freiburg, Damascus, Cairo, Khartoum, Rabat, Seattle and Auckland. His research centers on the dynamics of globalization and inquires into the challenges of uncertainty and insecurity. Among his more recent (co-edited) books are: *Seasonal Workers* (Routledge 2014/17); *Disrupting Territories* (James Currey 2014); *Youth Movements* (transcript 2014, in German); *Zwischen Ungewissheit und Zuversicht. Jugend im Nahen Osten und in Nordafrika* (Dietz 2017).

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Both researchers are members of the Scientific Advisory Board of the FES MENA Youth Study *Zwischen Ungewissheit und Zuversicht. Jugend im Nahen Osten und in Nordafrika*. The study will be published in German (Dietz-Verlag 2017), English and Arabic (Dar al-Saqi 2018).

#### Zwischen Ungewissheit und Zuversicht

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