



## Workshop Programme

### Libya between Saharan Routes, Urban Wars, Migration and Local Reconfigurations

2-3 July 2018

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Kirchweg 33, 14129 Berlin

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## Concept

The aim of this international workshop is to critically question and investigate the crisis Libya has been experiencing in recent years, since the NATO bombings and military intervention of 2011, from the perspective of the interaction between various scales, from global migrations and geopolitics to local dynamics of change, tension and negotiation. Combining approaches of international relations, anthropology, and history, the aim is also to question the relationship between the sphere of the local and more global trends. The workshop features scholars from both Germany and abroad, with a focus on Libyan scholars, whose voices have been largely unheard in recent analyses of the Libyan crisis. A specific focus is also put on the urban dimension, from the resurgence of factional territories to the existence of migrant camps. Given Libya's current role in migration and the internal crises it is facing, this workshop is intended as an occasion to reflect on the roots and consequences of war and on the entanglement of scales as far as migration and security are concerned.

## Day I – Monday, 2 July 2018

**9.00 – 9.30**

**Welcome/Registration**

**9.30 – 10.00**

**Introduction**

Suaad Al Ghafal, Adam Benkato, and Nora Lafi:  
*Libya between Saharan Routes, Urban Wars, Migration and Local Reconfigurations: a critical approach of historiography and research perspectives*

**10.00 – 12.00**

**Panel 1: Migration in the Longue Durée**

Chair: Nora Lafi (ZMO, Berlin)

Magda Shara (University of Tripoli, Libya):  
*Arab, Moroccan and Andalusian migrations between Europe and Africa (1234-1492)*

الأصول التاريخية للهجرات العربية والمغربية والأندلسية إلى أوروبا أفريقيا (١٢٣٤-١٤٩٢)

Jakob Kraus (Freie Universität, Berlin):  
*Re-centering Libya's history: Mediterranean bulwark, African power, or bridge between continents?*

Fadel Lamin (National Economic and Social Development Board, Libya):  
*Challenges of geography, demography and natural resources: A search for a better life*

تحديات الجغرافيا والديموغرافيا والموارد الطبيعية: البحث عن حياة أفضل

Amira Koraiem (ZMO, Berlin):  
*"I am the toy": Child trafficking in Libya's civil war*

**12.00 – 13.30**

**Lunch**

**13.30 – 15.30**

**Panel 2: Saharan Routes and Urban Wars**

Chair: Jan Brauburger (ZMO, Berlin)

Abobaker Owhida Almajry (University of Sabha, Libya):  
*The connection between Libyan national security and the security of Saharan Africa*

ارتباط الأمن القومي الليبي بأمن النطاق الصحراوي الأفريقي

Adam Benkato (Freie Universität, Berlin): *On the margins of Libyan history: trans-Saharan trade, migration, and slavery in the 19th century*

Mohamedou Meyin (University of Nouakchott, Mauritania):  
*Migration challenges and problems in Africa: Examples from Mauritania and Libya*

تحديات ومشاكل الهجرة في إفريقيا: أمثلة من موريتانيا وليبيا

**15.30 – 15.45**

**Coffee Break**

**15.45 – 17.45**

**Panel 3: Inventing Borders and Camps in Libya**

Chair: Suaad Al Ghafal (ZMO, Berlin)

Jonas Müller-Laackman (Freie Universität, Berlin): *Reflections on the colonial repressive system in Libya (1922-32)*

Vittoria Capresi (Technische Universität, Berlin):  
*Italian architecture, town planning, property management in Libya: What happened to the colonial legacies?*

Sara Merabti (Sciences Po, Paris): *Governing without government: Border management in Libya after the fall of Qadhafi*

Bashir Al-Kut (University of Tripoli, Libya):  
*The nature of the Libyan borders, their demographic structure, and their effects on migration and stability*

طبيعة الحدود الليبية وتركيبها السكانية وتأثيرها في الهجرة والاستقرار

**18.30 – 20.00**

**Dinner**

**Day II - Tuesday, 3 July 2018**

**9.30 – 11.30**

**Panel 4: Post-Qaddafi Crises**

Chair: Adam Benkato (Freie Universität, Berlin)

Amal Obeidi (University of Benghazi, Libya):  
*The new tribal order in post-Qaddafi Libya: Analyzing structures and political roles*

Nora Lafi (ZMO, Berlin): *Local factions and geopolitical instrumentalizations: a critical interpretation of conflictuality in post-2011 Libya*

Ibrahim Abdussalam (Bayero University, Nigeria):  
*Nightmares of aspiration: Effects of post-Qaddafi crises on Libya, Nigeria and Nigerian migrants*

Dauda Abubakar (University of Jos, Nigeria) The impact of the fall of Libya on West Africa: Perspectives from Nigeria

**11.30 – 12.00**

**Coffee Break**

**12.00 – 14.00**

**Panel 5: The Ambiguous Governance of Migration in Times of War**

Chair: Claudia Ghrawi (ZMO, Berlin)

Taeib Elbahloul (University of Tripoli, Libya):  
*A re-reading of media and the question of "illegal migration" in Libya*

الإعلام ومسألة الهجرة غير الشرعية في ليبيا : إعادة قراءة

Suaad Al Ghafal (ZMO, Berlin): *The phenomenon of "illegal migration" in Libya before and after 2011: a comparative study*

ظاهرة الهجرة غير الشرعية في ليبيا قبل وبعد 2011: دراسة مقارنة

Salah Younes Zater (Independent Journalist, Hamburg):  
*The Tawergha between struggle for survival and right*

تاورغاء صراع النقاء و حق العودة

**14.00 – 15.00**

**Lunch**

**15.00 – 16.30**

**Open Discussion & Conclusion**

Chair: Nora Lafi, Suaad Al Ghafal, Adam Benkato

**17.00**

**Optional Tour in Berlin (Mitte)**