

## ZMO-Colloquium

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### South and North, East and West: Knowledge Circulations and Connections in a Disordered World

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#### Venue

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient  
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Where do we stand today after decades of reflecting on prevailing and changing knowledge hierarchies and circulations? From the perspective of the Arab region, this presentation will discuss geographies of knowledge production on two levels: conceptual and infrastructural. Conceptually what is the promise of recent deliberations on decentering, globalizing and decolonizing knowledge? What kinds of infrastructures of research, teaching and publishing are implicated in such conceptual agendas? What emergent geographies of knowledge can we discern that transcend prevailing categories of East, West, North and South?

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