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Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium**Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar**

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi
Annual Theme 2008-2009: Daily Life in Ottoman Towns

Monday, 16 March 2009, 5pm

Women's Daily Life in Tunis 18th and 19th Century: Gender Subordination and Justice Negotiation in an Ottoman Town**Lecture by Prof. Dalenda Largueche**

Focusing on women at the court and their negotiation with legal affairs, as an aspect of the women's daily life highlights the limits of normative prescriptions and the distance between the norm and actual practices. Through the lens of judicial archives, the historian can see women speaking, improving their position and taking their destiny in hand. Dalenda Largueche's approach consists less in describing and analysing women's social status than in focusing on the manners and the ways women followed to seize the law with a view to bring out elements in their profit.

Prof. Dalenda Largueche is Professor of Modern History and Gender Studies at the Manouba University in Tunis. She published many important works on the history of women and social history in Maghreb. Among them: 'Femmes en Ville dans le monde méditerranéen : Passé et Présent', C.E.R.E.S., Tunisie (2005); 'Territoire sans frontières, La contrebande et ses réseaux dans la Régence de Tunis au XIX siècle', CPU, Tunis (2001); 'Histoire du Maghreb à travers les Sources', CPU, Tunis (2002); 'Watan al-Munastir, 1676-1856 : Fiscalité, Etat et Société', Faculté de la Manouba, Tunis (1992).

Presentation of the Seminar

What is the historical experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in the Balkans, Anatolia, the Middle East, and North Africa - in dealing with the impact of global changes and the transformation from Empire to nation States? How did people of different cultural, social and religious backgrounds live together? How are such examples of conviviality, conflict, migration, and urban regimes of governance and stratification conceptualized? And how have urban traditions been reinterpreted, and what bearing does this have on modern conceptions of civil society, multicultural societies, migration, or cosmopolitanism. These and other questions will be addressed in this year's Seminar in Ottoman Urban Studies, with a specific focus on daily life issues. This seminar is supported by the research program 'Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe' EUME with funds of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.