



ZMO-Kolloquium

“New Perspectives on Gender and Globalization”

Thursday, 29 October 2009, 6 pm

At Home in the World: Globalizing Domesticity at the Sidon Girls' School

Lecture by Prof Ellen Fleischmann (University of Dayton)

The American Protestant Syria Mission, founded in Lebanon in 1821, was involved from its inception in female education in the Levant. Targeting young women and girls, as mothers and wives of potential converts, was crucial to missionary aims to spread the Gospel. The Mission thus founded numerous schools for girls. One institution which played a significant role in female education was the Sidon Girls' School, founded in 1860. In the 1920s, in an effort to compete against other educational institutions in the complicated educational landscape of French mandate Lebanon, the Mission initiated a self-described “revolutionary” plan for the school by instituting the “first” home economics program in the Middle East. This lecture raises questions about how what was touted as “progressive,” modern, scientific and American style home economics training was part of a broader, gendered globalization process which reflected local and transnational trends in harnessing female education in order to modernize domesticity.

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Venue

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Next event:

Thursday, 26 November 2009, 6 pm

Money and Freedom. Promises and Concerns of Migration among Mothers and Sons, Grooms and Brides in Northern Egypt

Dr Samuli Schielke (ZMO, Berlin)