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

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi
Annual Theme 2010 -2011: Urban Violence

Monday, January 24th, 2011, 5 pm

A Glimpse into Infanticide Cases in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Cities**Lecture by Dr. Gülhan Balsoy**

In this presentation drawing on infanticide cases from nineteenth-century Ottoman cities, Gülhan Balsoy will ask questions such as what were the motivations behind child murder, who carried out this act, who were the victims, what were the methods used, and how extensive was it in Ottoman society. This talk also examines the links between poverty, illegitimacy, and the experience of unprotected women in Ottoman society. Although it was not only poor women who practiced infanticide, it is their cases that we can access today, since women of better means had other ways to protect themselves. In this sense, Balsoy will also discuss the nature of the sources that offer us a glimpse into the infanticide cases and try to demonstrate the class issues involved in picking child murder as a means of birth control. In sum, with such questions she will try to shed light on the infanticide practices and discuss the gendered nature of violence in Ottoman society.

Dr. Gülhan Balsoy is a fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11 at the Zentrum Moderner Orient. She received her PhD in history from Binghamton University in 2009 and an M.A. from Istanbul Technical University.

Her major publications include: "Gendering the Ottoman Labor History: The Cibali Régie Factory in the Early Twentieth Century" in: International Review of Social History (2009) and "Advices to Pregnant Women: Changing Conceptions of Pregnancy and Birth in the Ottoman Empire in the late Nineteenth Century" in: Medicine Within and Between the Habsburg and Ottoman Empires 18th-19th Centuries, Thedora Daniela Sechel, ed. (Winkler, 2010).

Presentation of the Seminar

What is the experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in Asia, Europe and adjacent regions, 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 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? This year's Seminar will focus on questions of urban violence.

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