



## Urban Studies Seminar

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

### Annual Theme 2012/13: Cities as Laboratories of Change

Twice a Month,  
Mondays 5 - 7 pm

#### Venue:

Conference Hall  
Zentrum Moderner Orient  
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October 15th, **Mohamed Elfateh** (Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus): *Architectural Development and Householder's Structure in the 19th c. in Port Suakin (Sudan)*

**Special session** to be held at 8 pm c.t. at TU Berlin, Architekturgebäude, Straße des 17. Juni 152 (Ernst-Reuter-Platz/Marchstraße), Room A 053  
October 29th, **Hisham Mortada** (University of King Abdul Aziz, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia): *Traditional Architecture in Saudi Arabia: Diversity within Unity*

November 12th, **Yigit Akin** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2011/12): *We Don't Care for Victories! Give Us Bread!': Gender, Society, and Culture - Wartime as Laboratory of Change in Ottoman Cities*

November 26th, **Zouhair Ghazzal** (Loyola University Chicago, USA): *Urban Forms of Life and Criminality in Contemporary Aleppo and Idlib*

December 10th, **Joseph Rustom** (Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus): *Waqf and the Urban Space in a Time of Change: Beirut in the 19th c.*

January 14th, **Joseph Ben Prestel** (Max Planck Institut für Bildungsforschung, Berlin): *Feelings in Times of Change: Emotional Practices and Urban Transformation in Cairo, 1860-1880*

January 28th, **Suraiya Faroqi** (Professor Emerita of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München and Istanbul Bilgi University): *Reforms in the Guild System as Laboratory of Urban Change*

February 11th, **Peter Christensen** (Ph.D Candidate in Architecture, Fulbright Fellow 2011-12, Harvard University): *German 'Expertise' and Urban Interventions in the Construction of the Ottoman Rail Network: A Visual Analysis, 1868-1919*

April 29th, **Johara Berriane** (Freie Universität, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies): *South-South Migrations: Moroccan Cities as Laboratories of Change*

May 13th, **Yazid Anani** (Birzeit University, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2011/12): *Urban Change and the Evolution of the Palestinian National Identity*

May 27th, **Hanan Toukan** (SOAS London, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2011/12): *Internationalizing Palestine? On Urban Walls, Social Change and Anti-Colonial Struggle*

June 10th, **Steffen Wippel** (Zentrum Moderner Orient): *Dubai as a Model? Urban Visions in the Development of Omani Cities*

June 24th, Conclusion: *Cities as Laboratories of Change (Ulrike Freitag and Nora Lafi)*

The Urban Studies Seminar is convened within the EUME-ZMO Research Field 'Cities Compared: Urban Change in the Mediterranean and Adjacent Regions'. The seminar aims at presenting and discussing ongoing research of scholars working on the social institutional, political and cultural history of Middle East, North Africa, Iran, Turkey (and cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire like the Balkans or Anatolia) with an emphasis on Urban Studies in comparative perspectives.