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Urban Studies Seminar 2012 - 2013 Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi Annual Theme: Cities as Laboratories of Change

Monday, June 24th, 2013, 5 pm - 7 pm

A City in Transition: Intellectuals, Notables and the Identity Issue in 20th c. Diyarbakir

Conclusion of the Seminar with Prof. Ulrike Freitag, Nora Lafi and Lecture by Fuat Dundar

With the emergence of the Armenian question on both the ottoman imperial (and then national Turkish) and the international scene, Diyarbakir's identity as a multi-ethnic and multi-religious city was deeply challenged. During this process, the city's inner social boundaries were redesigned, at the expense of the Armenian element. During the desarmenization of city, muslim families also experienced profound divisions, some becoming pro-kurdish, some others pro-turkish. In this presentation, Fuat Dundar aims at examining how the identity of notable families as well as of intellectuals was transformed during this often traumatic transition.

Dr. Fuat Dundar (Alexander von Humboldt fellow at Zentrum Moderner Orient for 2012-2013) is visiting lecturer in the Erfurt University. He extensively work on the nationalism in ottoman Empire and in post-Ottoman countries. F. Dundar is the author of Crime of Numbers: The Role of Statistics in the Armenian Question (Transaction Publishers, 2010). He is also the author of three books in Turkish: Modern Turkey's Cipher—Ethnicity Engineering of the Committee Union and Progress (1913-1918), The Settlement Policy of Muslims (1913-1918), and Minorities in Turkish Censuses. His new book will be published in January 2013, by Tarih Vakfi, entitled "Kahir Ekseriyet: Ermeni nufus meselesinin cozumu tarihi (1878-1923)".