

**ZMO-EUME-Colloquium**

Twice a month,  
Mondays 5 pm - 7 pm

**Venue:**

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Chaired by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi

**Annual Theme: The City and its Margins**

**Monday, June 30, 2014, 5 pm**

**The Migration of Frontiers  
in Contested Cities**

**Lecture by Wendy Pullan (University of Cambridge)**

In modern times, borders and frontiers have been mostly associated with nation states and their sovereignty. Clashes between ethno-national groups have often been exacerbated by ill-advised or hastily drawn borders that did not respect divisions based upon the populations' own cultures and perceptions of their identities. In recent years many ethno-national disputes have migrated into cities, making conflicts more immediate to civilian life. Yet, cities are ontologically different to nation-states: they are not simply 'small states' and require analysis of their own specific qualities. It is worth asking what are the characteristics of ethno-national borders and frontiers inside cities and why are they unlike state borders? Likewise, where are ethno-national conflicts found in cities? Some disputes are generated and perpetuated from within, where differences are embedded inside the urban fabric and erupt into city-generated struggles. And finally, what role is played by the urban everyday with respect to these conflicts and their borders, frontiers, buffer zones, compounds, checkpoints and mobility restrictions? This paper will consider the above questions and concerns focusing on Jerusalem, Beirut and Nicosia.

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