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**Time**

Twice a month, Mondays 5 pm

**Venue**

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient  
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## Urban Studies Seminar 2018–2019

### The Urban Spatialities of Religion in the Middle East, Africa and South-East Asia

19 November 2018, **Yahia Shawkat** (Co-founder *10 Tooba*, Berlin): *Pacta Sunt Servanda: Socialism, Islamism, Neoliberalism and Rent Conflicts in Egypt*

3 December 2018, **Susanne Rau** and **Jörg Rüpke** (DFG Programme *Religion and Urbanity*, Erfurt): *Religion and Urbanity: A Research Agenda*

17 December 2018, **Menashe Anzi** (Ben Gurion University, Beersheba - Bi'r al-Sab', EUME Fellow 2014-2015): *The Jewish Neighborhood in San'ā' and the Relationship between Jews and Muslims: Physical Separation and Cultural Closeness*

14 January 2019, **Himmat Zu'bi** (EUME Fellow 2018-2019, Berlin): *Forming Space and Collective/Religious Identities in Post-1948 Haifa*

28 January 2019, **Farhan Karim** (University of Kansas): *Islamic Pop: A Postcolonial Invention of Islamic Architecture*

11 February 2019, **Magdi Guirguis** (Kafrelsheikh University Cairo, EUME Fellow 2006-2007): *Reconstructing Eastern Christianity under Ottoman Rule: Cairo's Christian Spatialities*

25 February 2019, **Lucía Cirianni Salazar** (BGSMCS): *(Un)closed Lodges: Sufism and Space in 'Post-Secular' Turkey*

8 April 2019, **Ahmed Saadaoui** (Université de la Manouba, Tunis): *Islam and the Urban Space in Ottoman Tunis*

13 May 2019, **6 pm (!)**, **Nora Cherfan** (ENSA, Strasbourg): *Changing Confessional Boundaries in Contemporary Beirut*

20 May 2019, **Murtala Ibrahim** (BGSMCS): *Spatial Piety: Shia Religious Processions and the Politics of Contestation of Public Space in Northern Nigeria*

3 June 2019, **Rahal Boubrik** (Centre des Études et des Recherches Sahariennes, Rabat; Fellow at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin 1998-99): *Religiosity and Spatial Configurations in Pre-Colonial Saharan Cities*

17 June 2019, **Johara Berriane** (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin): *'Conquering New Territories for Jesus...': Displacement and Place-Making of Christian Migrants in Moroccan Cities*

1 July 2019, **Tika Ramadhini** (ZMO, Berlin): *The New Spatialities of Islam in Urban Indonesia*

15 July 2019, **Ebtisam Al-Gera i** (National Center for Documentation Sanaa): *A Map of Urban Religious Landmarks in Sana'a during the Ottoman Era*

The objective of this academic year's seminar is to propose critical reflections on the relationship between urban spaces and religion. The idea is to bring together scholars who work on a variety of places and times and explore religion as a vector in complex processes of the social production of space. In this approach, religion is not seen as an external element floating above urban spaces but as one of the multifaceted forces that take part in the socially constructed definition of space itself. The presentations thus consider not only mosques, churches, synagogues and shrines, but also other public spaces and their interrelation with religious influxes as well as notions of propriety, intimacy and all the spaces of in-betweenness.