# ZENTUM Moderner Orient



#### Venue:

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The seminar is part of the activities of the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) and of 'Cities Compared: Cosmopolitanism in the Mediterranean and Adjacent Regions', a research field within 'Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe' (EUME), a research program of the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, and the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin.

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## Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium

Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar

**Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi** Annual Theme 2008-2009: Daily Life in Ottoman Towns

Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 5 pm

# Writing the History of Everyday life in the Ottoman Empire

### Conclusive Session of this Academic Year's Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar

This session will be organized as a roundtable, with Nora Lafi presenting the conclusions of the collective work this year in reference to the objectives presented in the introduction last fall.

Dipesh Chakrabarty, Dhruv Raina, Marc Baer, Vangelis Kechriotis, Ismael Montana and Selcuk Dursun will be the discussants.

### **Presentation of the Seminar**

What is the historical experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in the Balkans, Anatolia, 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 such 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. These and other questions will be addressed in this year's Seminar in Ottoman Urban Studies, with a specific focus on daily life issues. This seminar is supported by the research program 'Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe' EUME with funds of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.