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Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium**Urban Studies Seminar**

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi
Annual Theme 2010 -2011: Urban Violence

Monday, March 7th, 2011, 5 pm

**From Shanghai to Yug-2:
Violence and the Urban Youth of a
Bishkek Neighbourhood****Lecture by Philipp Schröder**

This presentation will be about the male youth of a neighbourhood in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. Starting from a case study of a violent altercation in this neighbourhood Philipp Schröder traces the way how Batyr, a young male Kyrgyz inhabitant of this place, worked himself into the position of a "leader" among his neighbourhood peers. A look at Batyr's biography in light of the neighbourhood's social history reveals that "becoming a leader" was a process which involved applying violence, but also showing respect and being responsible.

Examining the motivations why Batyr and others engaged in collective violence in the recent past allows to depict the neighborhood as a precious social and symbolic resource for some of its young inhabitants. Finally, Schröder reassesses this notion of the neighbourhood as a resource for integration and identification in regard to the changing setting of Kyrgyz society.

Philipp Schröder studied Cultural and Social Anthropology and Political Science at the University of Tübingen, the Free University Berlin and the Humboldt University Berlin. He received his MA honors in 2006 with a work on the Civil War in Somalia. Since November 2006 he is a PhD candidate associated with the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle/Saale. His dissertation focuses on integration and identity among the urban youth in a Bishkek neighbourhood.

Presentation of the Seminar

What is the experience of cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire - in Asia, Europe and adjacent regions, 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 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? This year's Seminar will focus on questions of urban violence.

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