



Twice a month,  
Mondays 5 pm - 7 pm

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## Urban Studies Seminar 2013 - 2014

Chaired by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi

Annual Theme: The City and its Margins

Monday, December 9th, 2013, 5 pm - 7 pm

### Urban Coexistence and its Margins: Muslim-Jewish Relationships in the French Mediterranean

#### Lecture by Naomi Davidson

How can we write histories of Muslim and Jewish spaces and practices in colonial France and Algeria that neither evoke a "golden age" of Muslim-Jewish harmony shattered by the encounter with French colonialism, nor construct a narrative predetermined by the subsequent events of decolonization? This lecture looks at discourses associated with "marginal" spaces and practices to examine the ways that members of Algeria's urban Jewish and Muslim communities understood the spatial and temporal boundaries that divided them, or brought them together, internally and externally. In doing so, it complicates the notion of unified "religious" communities with static frontiers who were necessarily either brothers or enemies.

**Naomi Davidson** is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Ottawa and is a 2013-2014 EUME fellow of the Forum Transregionale Studien/ZMO. Her book, *Only Muslim: Embodying Islam in Twentieth-Century France* (Cornell University Press, 2012), examines how French perceptions of "Muslim" spaces and embodied practices racialized Islam. Her current research project, "Muslim and Jewish Space in the French Mediterranean, 1870-1962," is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.