

**Urban Studies Seminar
2014 - 2015****Twice a month,
Mondays 5 pm - 7 pm****Venue:**Conference Hall
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Phone: (+49) (0) 30 80307- 0**Annual Theme: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on
Urban Marginality in Africa, the Middle East and Asia****Chaired by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi****Monday, May 11th, 2015, 5 pm****Markets and Marginality in Beirut**Lecture by **Franck Mermier** (CNRS-EHESS Paris)

This paper will focus on two spaces of social marginality in Beirut: the Friday Market in Sin Al-Fil and the Sabra market in the Palestinian camp of Sabra-Chatila. It will analyze the issue of socio-ethnic stigmatization in relation to the social composition of the sellers and buyers, and how this stigmatization is reflected in the media. It will also deal with the roles of these markets as gates of the city and as places of consumption for a population on the urban fringe.

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