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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

Monday, 8 December 2008, 5pm

Daily Life Conflictuality in Ottoman Aleppo: Confessional Communities, Petitions and Social Regulation**Lecture by Feras Krimsti**

The repeated rebellions and violent manifestations that took place in Aleppo around the end of the 18th and the mid 19th century became the subject of and provided material to a number of Christian chroniclers and clerical diary writers of the city.

This paper seeks to shed some light on these sources- some of which have been edited some in manuscript form, and to trace through them the development of Christian thinking and attitude towards the Muslim community in the city and the question of civic cohabitation in Aleppo during the first half of the 19th century.

Feras Krimsti studied history at the University of Aleppo, and is pursuing his graduate work in Islamic sciences at the Berlin Free University. He also works as a research assistant in the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften. His current research focuses on Christian groups during the Ottoman period.

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.