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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, April 11th, 2011, 5 pm

**„Urban Violence in Shihr (Yemen) :
Space and Identities‘****Lecture by Sylvaine Camelin**

In the urban context of coastal Hadhramawt, there are three main types of socio-political organisations : 1- The most global is the state, being the one of the Qua'iti sultanate until 1967, the socialist state (1967-1990) or the government since the unification. 2- The second one refers to the social stratification which implies a hierarchy between the groups. 3- The last type of social organisation is the quarter organisation.

Overlapping in various dimensions, those different levels of socio-political organisations all include a specific way of breeding tensions, conflicts and violence's but they also all include a specific way of dealing and regulating them.

Sylvaine Camelin will present the classical types of oppositions that can be found in the hadrami society (between cities and countryside // between Sultan and tribes // between two kind of religious lineages // between quarters within the cities), showing that confrontation can only occur between groups belonging to the same social strata.

By looking at precise examples, in a first part Camelin will show how conflicts occur, how they are expressed and how they are dealt with and in a second part, she will analyse under which conditions violence can or can not be regulated, either on a small and local level or on a much larger area context.

Sylvaine Camelin is an anthropologist, lecturer in Paris-Ouest la Défense University. Her Ph.D. dissertation analysed the articulation between urban space and social organisation in the south Yemeni town of Shihr. She is now working in the Gulf Emirate on the migration of qualified Arab women. Last books : *Ethnologie*, Camelin S., Houdart S., 2010, Paris, PUF collection Que sais-je ; *Portraits. Esquisses anthropographiques*, Ed. Camelin S., Jungen Ch., Massard-Vincent J., 2011, Paris, Petra.

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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