



Urban Studies Seminar 2011-2012

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

**Annual theme: Urban Sociability and Urban Movements
(Middle East, North Africa, Iran, Turkey)**

ZMO-EUME-Colloquium

Twice a month,
Mondays 17:00-19:00

Venue:

Conference Hall
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November 28: *Introduction: Urban Sociabilities and Urban Mobilizations in Historical Perspective* by **Ulrike Freitag** and **Nora Lafi**

Opening Lecture Urban Violence Workshop:

December 8: *Hope, Violence, and the Urban Dimension of the Egyptian Revolution* by **Khaled Adham** (The United Arab Emirates University Abu Dhabi)

December 12: *Urban Meets 'Urban: Ottoman Relations with the Bedouins of the Libyan Frontiers (1880-1900)* by **Mostafa Minawi** (2011/12 EUME-Fellow at ZMO Berlin)

January 9: *The Debate on the Exemption of Istanbul from Military Draft as Urban Movement in the Virtual Meeting Place of the Press* by **Elke Hartmann** (Houshamadyan Project / FU Berlin)

January 23: *Urban Sociability Among 18th and Early 19th Century Mobile Persians Between Iran and India* by **Mana Kia** (MPI for Human Development)

February 13: *Changing the Game: The Rise and Fall of New Actors in the Local Politics of Late Mamluk Damascus* by **Torsten Wollina** (FU Berlin, Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies)

February 27: *Sea Transport Workers Between Urban and Rural: Workers Sociabilities and Mobilizations* by **Nurşen Gürboğa** (2011/12 EUME-Fellow at ZMO Berlin)

March 12: *From Promenades to Public Gardens: Urban Modernity in Istanbul's Middling Classes* by **Edhem Eldem** (2011/12 Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

March 26: *Syrians in Egypt: Urban Sociabilities and Cultural Colonization?* by **Adam Mestyan** (2011/12 EUME-Fellow at ZMO Berlin)

April 16: *The Role and Rise of the Urban Crowd of Dar Al Khilafeh in Tehran at the Time of the 1906 Constitutional Revolution* by **Fatemeh Masjedi** (ZMO)

May 7: *A Spiritual Landscape of Lahore: Sufic Labors Post 1947* by **Manan Ahmed** (Institut für Islamwissenschaft, FU Berlin)

May 21: *An Urban History of the October 17, 1961 Demonstrations of Algerians in Paris: Areas of Mobilization, Repression and Commemoration* by **Vincent Lemire** (Université de Marne-la-Vallée Paris-Est)

June 4: *The Role of Urbanity in City-based Social Movements* by **Margit Mayer** (FU Berlin) / followed by a concluding discussion

The Urban Studies Seminar is convened within the EUME-ZMO Research Field 'Cities Compared: Urban Change in the Mediterranean and Adjacent Regions'. The seminar aims at presenting and discussing ongoing research of scholars working on the social institutional, political and cultural history of Middle East, North Africa, Iran, Turkey (and cities in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire like the Balkans or Anatolia) with an emphasis on Urban Studies in comparative perspectives.