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ZMO-EUME-Colloquium

Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

Annual Theme 2009-2010: Post-Ottoman Cities

**Twice a Month,
Mondays 17:00-19:00
Starting November 9, 2009**

Venue:

Conference Hall
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November 9: *Introduction: Between Ideologies and Modernities: Post-Ottoman Cities in Comparative Perspective* by Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Nora Lafi (ZMO)

November 16: *The City, the Valley, and the Nation: On a post-Ottoman 'Land Settlement' in Mandate Palestine, 1921-1948* by Munir Kamal Fakher Eldin (Majdal Shams; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2009/10)

December 7: *Tel Aviv as a Colonial Post-Ottoman City* by Mark Levine (University of California, Irvine / CMES Lund)

January 11: *The Housing Question in Post-Ottoman Izmir and the Population Exchange with Greece, 1924-30* by Ellinor Morack (FU Berlin, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies)

January 25: *Changing Social Roles in Post-Ottoman Istanbul: A Gendered Approach* by Nazan Maksudyan (Istanbul Technical University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2009/10)

February 8: *French City or Ottoman? The Patrimonial Debate in 19th and early 20th century Algiers* by Nabila Oulebsir (Université de Poitiers)

April 19 : *Erasure and Distortion: The Ottoman Memory in Contemporary Beirut Art Production* by Kirsten Scheid (American University in Beirut; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2009/10)

April 26: *Ankara: the Republican Urban Project and the Ottoman Heritage* by Kyle Evered (Michigan State University)

May 10: *Colonial Algiers and the Ottoman Heritage: Planning, Architecture and Governance* by Zeynep Celik (New-Jersey Institute of Technology)

May 31: *Life After the Ottomans: Heritage and the New National Urban Narrative in Post-Ottoman Cities of the Balkans* by Zeynep Aygen (University of Portsmouth)

June 14: *Changing Identities in Post-Ottoman Salonica* by Katherine Fleming (New-York University)

June 28: *Intellectual Dimensions of Continuity and Transformation in post-Ottoman Istanbul* by Sait Ozervarli (Yildiz Technical University)

July 12: Conclusion: Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Nora Lafi (ZMO)

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. This seminar is supported with funds of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.