Twice a Month,
Mondays 17:00-19:00
Starting October 29, 2007

Venue:
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ZMO-EUME-Colloquium
Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar
Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi

Annual Theme 2007-2008: Cosmopolitanism in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond

Oct. 29: Introduction: Prof. Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Dr. Nora Lafi (ZMO)

I - A Philosophical Approach to Cosmopolitanism
Nov. 12: Dr. Martine Prange (University of Groningen): Cosmopolitanism and the Modern World: From Kant to Nietzsche

II - Ottoman Towns: Discussing the Cosmopolitan Paradigm
Dec. 10: Valeska Huber (Konstanz University): Cosmopolitanism on the Move: Port Said as Imperial Relay Station
Dec. 17: Dr. Ariel Salzman (Queen’s University): Islamicate Urbanity or Cosmopolitanism? The Ottoman Impact on the Mediterranean Moral Economy (1450-1800)
Dec. 18: Prof. Edhem Eldem (University Boğaziçi): Bourgeois Identity, Culture and Networks in Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries in Istanbul
Jan. 28: Prof. Suraia Fardoqi (Istanbul, University of Munich): Muslim and Non-Muslim Craftsmen in Istanbul at the End of the 18th Century: Reflections on Cosmopolitanism in an Urban Ottoman Context

Mar. 10: Prof. Astrid Debold-Kritter (TU Berlin): Ottoman urban landscape and plural society at the end of the 18th century through the eyes of Antoine Ignace Melling
Mar. 31: Dr. Bojan Aleksov (University College London): Balkan Cities 1878-1912: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalisms
Apr. 14: Prof. Henk Driessen (University of Radboud, Nijmegen): Cosmopolitanism in a Comparative Mediterranean and Historical Context
Apr. 21: Prof. Steven Vertovec (Max-Planck-Institut zur Erforschung multireligiöser und multiethnischer Gesellschaften, Göttingen): Exploring Socio-cultural Dimensions of Cosmopolitanism
May 19: Mehmet Yashin (Cyprus): Cosmopolitanism, Empire and the Nation: Karamanlidika’s Role in the Modernisation of the Turkish Language and Literature
June 02: Prof. Fred Halliday (London School of Economics): Cosmopolitanism, Ethnicity and Nationality

Conclusion
June 16: Prof. Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Dr. 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.