Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium

Urban Studies Seminar

Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi
Annual Theme 2010 -2011: Urban Violence

Twice a month, Mondays 17:00-19:00
Starting December 2, 2010

Venue: Conference Hall
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http://www.zmo.de
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December 2: Introduction by Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS, London), Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Nora Lafi (ZMO)

December 13: Fanatics? Foreigners, Notables and Officials in Djeddah’s Urban Disorders of the 1850s by Philippe Petriat (Université de Paris I Sorbonne)

January 10: Rebels and their Rivals in a Syrian Town (1920s) by Michael Provence (Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, ZMO)

January 24: A Glimpse into Infanticide Cases in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Cities by Gulhan Balsoy (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11)

February 7: The March 1909 Riots in Istanbul: Reform, Reaction, Islam and Clashing Political Strategies by Zeynep Turkyilmaz (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11)

February 21: Fluid Identities and Violent Alliances: Localism versus Class in the Urban Violence of Interwar al-Mahalla al-Kubra – Egypt by Hanan Hammad (Texas Christian University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11)

March 7: From Shanghai to Yug-2: Violence and the Urban Youth of a Bishkek Neighbourhood by Philipp Schröder (MPI für Ethnologische Forschung, Halle)

March 21: Urban Mobs in Early 19th Century Istanbul: the Beşiktaş Rebellion (September 1807) and the Çardak Incidents (May 1808) by Aysel Yildiz (Sabancı University)

April 11: Urban Violence in Shihr (Yemen): Space and Identities by Sylvaine Camelin (Université Paris X Nanterre)

May 2: To Whom Belong the Streets? Investment in Public Space and Popular Contentions in Late Ottoman Damascus by Till Grallert (Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies)

May 16: The Civic Domestication Process of Urban Factional Violence in Late Middle-Ages Italian Cities by Patrick Boucheron (Université Paris I Sorbonne)

June 6: Conclusion by Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS, London), Ulrike Freitag (ZMO) and Nora Lafi (ZMO)

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