Twice a month, 
Mondays 5 pm - 7 pm

Venue: 
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Urban Studies Seminar 2015 - 2016
Chair by Prof Ulrike Freitag and Dr Nora Lafi

Annual Theme: Refugees in the City

November 2nd, Ulrike Freitag and Nora Lafi (ZMO), Introduction: Urban Studies and the Question of Refugees: Considerations on Historiography and Present-Day Challenges

November 16th, Erol Ülker (Istanbul Kemerburgaz University / EUME Fellow 2015/16), Refugees, Foreigners, Non-Muslims: Nationalism and Xenophobia in Interverst Istanbul

November 30th, Maija Susarina (ZMO), Peruvian Amazonian Indigenous Peoples as Refugees in their Own Country: The Urban Condition in Lima

December 14th, Marwa el-Chab (EHES) and Rajaa Bechara (Ana Aqrra), A Case Study of the Syrian Displacement in Beirut: Sabra and Chatila

January 11th, Gerhard Hofstaedter (University of Queensland), Urban Refugees in Kuala Lumpur: Living a Life in Limbo

January 18th, Double lecture: Julia Hauser (University of Kassel), Ambiguities of Altruism: The Kaiserswerth Deaconesses and Relief Rivalries in post-1860 Beirut, Ayham Dalal (TU Berlin), Reflections on Displacement and Urbanism – The case of Zaatar Camp in Jordan


February 8th, Philipp Misselwitz (TU Berlin, Habitat Unit), Urban Refugees in the Middle East and Germany: A Comparative Approach

March 7th, Beya Abidi (FISHTC-Université de la Manouba, Tunis), Refugees from al-Andalus and the Urban Evolution of the Lower Medjerba Valley in the 17th and 18th Centuries

April 18th, Romola Sanyal (LSE), Urbanizations of Refugees: Understanding Displacements in the Global South

May 2, Livia Gerster (FU Berlin), "Asylum Tourists": Lebanese Civil War Refugees in West Berlin

May 23th, Aboulaye Sounaye (ZMO), "Ils viennent du Nord": Refugees Reviving Social Ties in Niamey in the Aftermath of the 2012 War in Mali

June 6th, Nazan Maksudyan (Istanbul Kemerburgaz University / EUME Fellow 2009/10), Refugee Children in Istanbul after the Crimean and the Ottoman Russian Wars

June 20th, Sanaa Alimia (ZMO), Afghan Refugees in Peshawar: Making the City (1978-2015)

July 4th, Raed Bader (Birzeit University), The Toponymy of Refugee Camps in Palestine: An Urban Mirror of Displacement

July 18th, Agathe Menetrier (ZMO), Do Urban Settings Enhance Refugees Livelihood and Local Integration? A Case Study of Urban Refugees in Dakar and Svenja Linnemann (Humboldt Universität), The Making-of of a Wilkommenskultur (Culture of Welcome): Emergency Accommodation for Refugees in Berlin-Moabit and the Importance of 'Third- Places' in the Production of the Local Opinion

Conclusion round-table with Frédéric Bocquet (Médecins du Monde)

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