Urban Studies Seminar 2016 - 2017
Chaired by Ulrike Freitag, Nora Lafi & Katharina Lange

Annual Theme: Rethinking Urban-Rural Relations in an Age of Migration, Displacement, Environmental Transformations and Fringe Urbanization

November 21st, Peter Dirksmeier (Humboldt University): What is Still Relevant for Urban Theory Today in Williams The Country and the City?

December 1st, Thursday at 5 pm, Nikhil Rao (Wellesley College): Bombay's Urban Edge: Villages, Suburbs, and Slums on the City's Fringe

December 5th, Steven Serels (ZMO): Impoverished Rural Displaced Populations in Cities of the African Red Sea Littoral: Between Global History and Local Reconfigurations

January 16th, Patrick Schukalla (ZMO): Displacing the Displaced: Critical Thinking on Urban Projects in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)

February 6th, Yücel Terzibaşoğlu (Boğaziçi University Istanbul): Town and Countryside in Western Anatolia and the Balkans in the Long 19th Century: Land, People and Work

April 24th, Hilal Alkan (Istanbul, EUME/ZMO 2015-16): Between Neighbourliness and Animosity: Emergence of new Polities during Syrian Migration to Turkish cities

May 8th, Astrid Meier (Orient Institut Beirut): Reflections on the transformation of urban-rural relationships in Lebanon: A Critical Revisitation of Research Methods and Paradigms

May 22nd, Ozan Zeybek (Bilgi University Istanbul): War, Dispossession and Financialisation: The Transformation of Rural-Urban Relations in Turkey’s Kurdish Region

June 12th, Koca Mehmet Kentel (University of Washington): Between Terkos and Pera: Plural Ruralities and the Idea of Urbanity in Late-Ottoman Istanbul

June 26th, Simon Jackson (University of Birmingham) and Christèle Allès (Université de Nantes): Rethinking Dichotomies: Concessions, Collectives and Continuities in the Water Politics of Mandate Syria-Lebanon


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