Mondays 17:00-19:00  
Starting November 9, 2009

Venue:  
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Invitation ZMO-EUME-Colloquium
Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar
Chaired by Prof. Ulrike Freitag and Dr. Nora Lafi  
Annual Theme 2009 -2010: Post-Ottoman Cities

November 9, 2009:  
Introduction: Between Ideologies and Modernities: Post-Ottoman Cities in Comparative Perspective by Ulrike Freitag and Nora Lafi

November 16, 2009:  
Munir Kamal Fakher Eldin (Majdal Shams; Fellow of EUME 2009/10): The City, the Valley, and the Nation: on a post-Ottoman ‘land settlement’ in Mandate Palestine, 1921-1948

December 7, 2009:  
Mark Levine (University of California, Irvine / CMES Lund): Tel Aviv as a Colonial Post-Ottoman City

January 11, 2010:  
Ellinor Morack (FU Berlin, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies): The housing Question in Post-Ottoman Izmir and the Population exchange with Greece, 1924-30

January 25, 2010:  
Nazan Maksudyan (Istanbul Technical University; Fellow of EUME 2009/10): Changing Social Roles in Post-Ottoman Istanbul: a Gendered Approach

February 8, 2010:  
Nabila Oulebsir (Université de Poitiers): French City or Ottoman? The Patrimonial Debate in 19th c. and early 20th c. Algiers

April 19, 2010:  
Kirsten Scheid (American University in Beirut; Fellow of EUME 2009/10): Erasure and Distortion: The Ottoman Memory in Contemporary Beirut Art Production

April 26, 2010:  
Kyle Evered (Michigan State University): Ankara: the Republican Urban Project and the Ottoman Heritage

May 10, 2010:  
Zeynep Celik (New-Jersey Institute of Technology): Colonial Algiers and the Ottoman Heritage: Planning, Architecture and Governance

May 31, 2010:  
Zeynep Aygen (University of Portsmouth): 'Life After the Ottomans: Heritage and the New National Urban Narrative in Post-Ottoman Cities of the Balkans'

June 14, 2010:  
Katherine Fleming (New-York University): Changing Identities in Post-Ottoman Salonica

June 28, 2010:  
Sait Ozervarli (Yildiz Technical University): Intellectual dimensions of continuity and transformation in post-Ottoman Istanbul

July 12, 2010:  
Conclusion - Ulrike Freitag and Nora Lafi

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.