

Conference Programme

**Appropriations, Representations, Productions:  
Engagements with „Nature“ in the MENA  
Region from the 19th Century until Today**

25-27 January 2018

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Kirchweg 33, 14129 Berlin

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## Day I – 25 January 2018

<b>9.30</b>	<b>Welcome to ZMO</b> (PD Dr. Katrin Bromber, ZMO)		Juliane Schumacher (Potsdam University): <i>The value of a tree: Neoliberalism, Climate Change and Forests in Morocco</i>
<b>9.45</b>	<b>Introduction to the Conference</b> (Juliane Schumacher, Potsdam University; Katharina Lange, ZMO)	<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>Appropriations: Historical Perspectives</b>  Discussant: Claudia Ghrawi, ZMO  Prof. Thomas Kühn (Simon Fraser University): <i>Mastering 'Nature' or Managing Its Hazards? Concepts of 'Nature' and Imperial Governance in Ottoman Yemen, 1872-1914</i>  Dr. Naama Meishar (The Technion, Tel Aviv): <i>'Jaffa's Soaked Lives and Wasted Waters: A 20th-Century History of Urban Environmental Transformation along the Eastern Mediterranean</i>  Rawdha Morkus-Makhoul (Ben Gurion University of the Negev): <i>How Rural Women of the Galilee Appropriated Nature to Promote their Economic Status in Mandatory Palestine</i>	<b>15.30 – 17.00</b>	<b>Productions II: Sovereignty and Contestation</b>  Discussant: Katharina Lange, ZMO  Dr. Mohammed Benidir ( <i>Ecole Nationale de l'Architecture de Tétouane</i> ): <i>Sovereignty, indirect private governance and contestation around a silver mine in South Morocco</i>  Dr. Yasmine Berriane (Paris/Zürich): <i>Gendered Appropriations of Land in Morocco</i>
<b>12.30 – 13.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Optional: Public Evening Lecture (ZMO Colloquium)</b>  Dr. Sonja Hegasy / Prof. Dr. Jörg Gertel: <i>Interviewing Youth - Constructing Knowledge. Insights from the FES Youth Study 2016/2017</i>
<b>13.30 – 15.00</b>	<b>Productions I: Dialectics of Control and Resistance</b>  Discussant: Erdem Evren, ZMO  Agathe Fautras (Sorbonne) & Helin Karaman (EHESS, Paris): <i>Formal and Informal Productions of Nature in Istanbul: between Public Order and Resistant Practices</i>		

## Day II – 26 January 2018

### 10.00 – 12.00 **Representations I: Haunted Landscapes and Divine Orders**

Discussant: Jeanine Dayyeli, ZMO

Dr. Florian Zemmin (University of Berne):  
*Nature and natural laws in Islamic reformism*

Prof. Munira Khayyat (American University Cairo):  
*On Profane Landscapes and Divine Nature. Farming, Ghosts, Life and War in South Lebanon*

### 12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

### 13.30 – 15.30 **Representations II: Writing Nature**

**Discussant: Saadi Norman Nikro, ZMO**

Brahim El-Guabli (Princeton University; per Skype):  
*Writing Against Nature's Death: Eco-Critical Maghrephies on the Sahara*

Prof. Emily O'Dell (Sultan Qaboos University, Oman):  
*Excavating Nature and Geographies in Contemporary Omani Poetry*

### 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

### 16.00 – 17.00 **Concluding Discussion, Publication Strategy**

## Day III – 27 January 2018

### 14.00 – 16.00 **Appropriating Nature to Represent Prussian Militarism: Walk Through Babelsberg Palace Park**