

BERLINER SEMINAR SUMMER TERM 2009

Theme: [History as Translation](#)

Venue: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

Time: 17.00-19.00

Wednesday, April 1 | [The Semitic Equation](#)

Orit Bashkin (University of Chicago), *Ideology and History in Baghdadi Jewish Concepts of Community*

Moderation: **Georges Khalil** (Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, April 22 | [Translation and Daily Fiction for the Nation](#)

Sehnaz Tahir-Gürçağlar (Boğaziçi University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *Towards a Poetics of Popular Literature in 20th Century Turkey*

Moderation: **Catherine Robson** (University of California, Davis; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin 2008/09)

Wednesday, May 6 | [Rituals of the Secular](#)

Umüt Azak (Istanbul; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *Letters to the Father of the Nation. Ritual and Commemoration in the Sacred Spaces of Secularism in Turkey*

Moderation: **Seyla Benhabib** (Yale University; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg 2008/09)

Wednesday, May 13 | [Colonial Law and the Translation of 'Muhammadan' Intentions](#)

Michael Gilsenan (NYU), *Singapore Courts and Hadhrami Arab Inheritance Patterns in the Southeast Asian Diaspora, 1870-1980*

Moderation: **Sherene Seikaly** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09)

Wednesday, May 20 | [Museum and Society](#)

Stefan Weber (Museum für Islamische Kunst Berlin), *Fragments of a Lost Past or Evidence of a Connected History. Ideas for a New Conceptualization of the Museum of Islamic Art in Berlin*

Moderation: **Walid Saleh** (Toronto University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09)

**Wednesday, June 3** | "Don't Immanentize the Eschaton!"

Haggag Ali (Cairo University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *The Spectre of Eric Voegelin in Zygmunt Bauman's and Abdelwahab Elmessiri's Critique of Modernity*

Moderation: **Dyala Hamzah** (Zentrum Moderner Orient / Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung)

Wednesday, June 17 | [Histories for the Nation](#)

Nadya Sbaiti (Smith College), *A Textbook Case: Writing Lebanese History in Beirut's Schools, 1920-1943*

Moderation: **Sinan Antoon** (NYU, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09)

Wednesday, July 1 | [Tradition for Modernity](#)

Husain Outbuddin (Cambridge / Cairo; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *The Fatimid-Tayyibis, the Qur'an, Multiplicity of Meaning and 'Dynamic Abrogation' (Naskh)*

Moderation: **Stefan Wild** (Universität Bonn; Member of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

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