

## BERLINER SEMINAR & LECTURES, SUMMER TERM 2007

**Wednesday, April 18** | 17.00-19.00 | [Berliner Seminar](#) | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*Language and Community*

**Oded Schechter** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe), *The Genealogy of Hebrew: A Critical Investigation Concerning the Formation of a Space between the Christian and the Jew as a Metaphysical Ground of a Colonial Project*

Moderation: **Eli Bar-Chen** (LMU München, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

**Thursday, April 26** | 19.30-21.00 | [Lecture](#) | Mschatta-Saal, Museum für Islamische Kunst, Bodestr. 1-3, 10178 Berlin

**Amina Wadud** (Berkeley), *Islamic Feminisms: Authority and Authenticity*

Welcome: **Claus-Peter Haase** (Museum für Islamische Kunst)

Introduction: **Gudrun Krämer** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Saturday, April 28** | [Film](#): 17.30-19.00 | [Panel Discussion](#): 20.00-21.30 | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Leibniz-Saal, Eingang Markgrafenstraße 38, 10117 Berlin

[Film](#): *Islam Unveiled*

by **Samira Ahmed** (London) / a Hardcash Production

afterwards discussion with the author

[Panel Discussion](#): *'Islamic Feminism': Prospects and Limitations*

**Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd** (Humanistic University, Utrecht)

**Ziba Mir-Hosseini** (London)

**Norani Othman** (Universiti Kebangsaan)

**Sa'diyya Shaikh** (University of Cape Town)

Chair: **Gudrun Krämer** (Freie Universität Berlin)



**Wednesday, May 2** | 17.00-19.00 | [Berliner Seminar](#) | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*The Other of Others: Jews, Turks and Germans*

**Kader Konuk** (University of Michigan / Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin), *Eternal Wanderers, Mimics and Dönmes: German and Turkish Jews in Modern Turkey*

**Gökçe Yurdakul** (Brock University, Ontario), *Jews and Turks in Germany: Immigrant Integration, Political Organisation and Minority Rights*

Moderation: **Michal Bodemann** (University of Toronto)

**Wednesday, May 2** | 20.00-21.00 | [Panel Discussion](#) | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Einstein-Saal, Jägerstr. 22/23

*Images of Women and Islam*

**Hilal Sezgin** (Barnstedt)

**Alawiyya Sobh** (Beirut)

Chair: **Shereen Abou El Naga** (Cairo University)

**Monday, May 14** | 19.00-21.00 | [Lecture](#) | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Einstein-Saal, Jägerstr. 22/23

**Shaden Tageldin** (University of Minnesota, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe), *Part of Europe? Colonial Geopolitics, Translation, and the Riddle of Origins in Egyptian Literary Culture, 1834–1930*

Moderation: **Dana Sajdi** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe)

**Monday, May 21** | 18.00-20.00 | [Carl Heinrich Becker Lecture der Fritz Thyssen Stiftung](#) | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Einstein-Saal, Jägerstr. 22/23

**Maria Todorova** (University of Illinois), *Historische Vermächtnisse zwischen Europa und dem Nahen Osten*

Einführung: **Wolf Lepenies** (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Vorsitzender des Beirats der Fritz Thyssen Stiftung)

**Wednesday, May 30** | 17.00-19.00 | [Berliner Seminar](#) | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*Suspected Compatriots: Turkish Christians and German Muslims*

**Özlem Biner**, (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe), *Imagined Cosmopolites of Mardin: An Ethnographic Study of Cosmopolitanism from the Margins of Contemporary Turkey*



**Esra Özyürek** (University of California, San Diego), *Turkish Christians and German Muslims: New Religious Minorities in the New Europe*

Moderation: **Damani Partridge** (University of Michigan)

**Monday, June 11** | 19.00-21.00 | [Lecture](#) | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Einstein-Saal, Jägerstr. 22/23

**Dana Sajdi** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe), *Sacred Language and Cultural Decline: Were Arabs too Backward to Print Books?*

Moderation: **Thomas Bauer** (Universität Münster; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

**Wednesday, June 13** | 17.00-19.00 | [Berliner Seminar](#) | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*The Topography of Europe and its Shift to the East*

**Miranda Jakiša** (Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung), *The Balkans as a Threshold*

**Zaal Andronikashvili** (Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung), *Georgia as a Cultural Palimpsest*

Moderation: **Martin Treml** (Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung)

**Wednesday, June 27** | 17.00-19.00 | [Berliner Seminar](#) | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*Contested Notions of Modernity*

**Farish Noor** (Zentrum Moderner Orient), *Discourses on Modernity and Islam in South East Asia*

**Abdolkerim Soroush** (ISIM; University of Amsterdam), *Modernity ‚Iranian Style‘*

Moderation: **Gudrun Krämer** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Monday, July 9** | 19.00-21.00 | [Lecture](#) | Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Einstein-Saal, Jägerstr. 22/23

**Erol Köroğlu** (Boğaziçi University, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe), *The Nationalization of the Ottoman Empire's War: Remembrance of the First World War in Republican Turkey*

Moderation: **Zafer Yenil** (Boğaziçi University, Fellow of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe)



**Wednesday, July 11** | 17.00-19.00 | **Berliner Seminar** | Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin,  
Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

*Philology and Polemics*

**Mohammed Reza Vasfi** (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe), *Two Qur'anic Sciences Indicative of a Historical Approach to the Qur'an: Asab al-Nuzul and Al-Nasikh wa 'l-Mansukh*

**Michael Marx** (Corpus Coranicum, BBAW), *The Qur'an in Near Eastern Christian and Jewish Polemics*

Moderation: **Nicolai Sinai** (Corpus Coranicum, BBAW)

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