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## EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – THE MIDDLE EAST IN EUROPE

### BERLINER SEMINAR, WINTER TERM 2006/2007

Time: 5-7 p.m. Venue: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

Wednesday, October 18, 2006: *Conceptions of Authority*

**Dana Sajdi** (Amman, Fellow of ‘Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe’ 2006/7), *History and Authority: The Arabic Historical Chronicle until the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Almut Höfert** (Universität Basel, Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg 2006/7), *Medieval Sacred Monarchy: The Caliph's Body in Fatimid History. A Research Project in Progress*

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

Wednesday, November 1, 2006: *Icons and Community*

**Eli Bar-Chen** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Fellow of ‘Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe’ 2006/7), *Maimonides as Icon: Minority Heritage and Collective Identity in Three Mediterranean Cities*

**Thomas Hauschild** (Universität Tübingen, Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg 2006/7), *Saints and Scholars in the Mediterranean*

Moderation: **Angelika Neuwirth** (Freie Universität Berlin)

Wednesday, November 15, 2006: *Negotiating Different Perspectives on the Koran*

**Mohamad Nur Kholis Setiawan** (University of Indonesia in Yogyakarta, Fellow of ‘Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe’ 2006/7), *Is an Approach "Irrespective of Religious Considerations" in Qur'anic Studies Possible*

**Nicolai Sinai** (Freie Universität Berlin), *Historical-Critical Approaches to Sacred Scriptures*

Moderation: **Michael Marx** (Freie Universität Berlin)

Wednesday, November 29, 2006: *Copts, Muslims and the West*

**Magdi Guirguis** (Cairo University, Georg Graf Fellow of the Katholischer Akademischer Ausländerdienst), *The Copts and the Church of Rome during the Ottoman Period*

**Moez Khalafaoui** (Universität Erfurt), *The British Empire and Muslim Communities in mid-19th Century India*

Moderation: **Marc Baer** (University of California at Irvine, currently Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung)

Wednesday, December 13, 2006: *Urban Pluralism from Empire to Republic*

**Zafer Yenil** (Bogazici Universitesi, Fellow of 'Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe' 2006/7), *Culinary Cosmopolitanism: Changing Forms of Conviviality in Late Nineteenth Century and Early Republican Istanbul*

**Marc Baer**, *Connecting Western Europe and the Ottoman Empire: The Cosmopolitan Dönme in Salonica and Processes of Globalization*

Moderation: **Nora Lafi** (Zentrum Moderner Orient)

Wednesday, January 10, 2007: *Islamic Feminist Interpretations of the Koran*

**Raja Rhouni** (Mohammad V University of Rabat, Fellow of 'Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe' 2006/7), *Fatima Mernissi's Post-foundationalist Critique*

**Katrin Simon** (Freie Universität Berlin), *Exegetical Perspectives of Amina Wadud*

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2007: *Memory and the Nation*

**Erol Köroglu** (Sabanci University, Fellow of 'Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe' 2006/7), *Perpetual Struggle of the Nation in Turkish Narratives of the Independence War: Literary Cultural History of a Thematic Genre*

**Esra Özyürek** (University of California, San Diego; Fellow of the American Academy in Berlin), *Turkish Christians: Nationalism and Memory in the Making of a New Religious Community in Turkey and Germany*

Moderation: **Zafer Yenil**

Wednesday, February 7, 2007: *Empire and Translation*

**Shaden Tageldin** (University of Minnesota, Fellow of 'Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe' 2006/7), *Disarming Words: Empire and the Seductions of Translation in Egypt*

**Harry Liebersohn** (University of Illinois, Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg 2006/7), *Travel Writing and Translation*

Moderation: **Andreas Pflitsch** (Zentrum für Literaturwissenschaft)

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