

BERLINER SEMINAR WINTER TERM 2008/09

Theme: [Transactions](#)

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

Time: 17.00-19.00

Wednesday, October 22 | [The Bible in the Islamic Religious Imagination](#)

Walid Saleh (Toronto University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *The Availability of the Arabic Bible to Muslim Scholars: Remarks on Cultural Porosity*.

Moderation: **Angelika Neuwirth** (Freie Universität Berlin; Member of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, November 5 | [Obscenity in the Canon](#)

Sinan Antoon (New York University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *The Poetics of the Obscene in Pre-Modern Arabic Poetry: Ibn al-Hajjaj and Sukhf*

Moderation: **Samah Selim** (IREMAM, Aix-en-Provence; Member of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, November 19 | [A Public Good in Palestine](#)

Sherene Seikaly (Georgetown University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *Business, Nation, and Economy in Palestine*

Moderation: Johann Büssow (SFB 586 "Differenz und Integration", Halle/Leipzig)

Wednesday, December 3 | [Slavery and Abolition in Tunisia](#)

Ismael Montana (Northern Illinois University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *Black Slavery, its Abolition and Demographics in Tunisia: Imprints and Implications*

Moderation: Kai Kresse (Zentrum Moderner Orient)

Wednesday, December 10 | [Literature and Urban Form in Iraq](#)

Haytham Bahooora (New York University), *Jabra's Baghdad: Colonial Modernism and Vernacular Spaces*

Moderation: **Sinan Antoon** (New York University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09)

**Wednesday, December 17** | [Enlightenment in the Islamic Republic](#)

Roman Seidel (Freie Universität Berlin), *On the Reception of Kant in Iran*

Moderation: **Haggag Ali** (Cairo University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09)

Wednesday, January 7 | [\(Re\)Conquest of the Forest](#)

Selçuk Dursun (Istanbul; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *Landholding and Politics of Forest Use in the Ottoman Empire 19th and Early 20th Centuries*

Moderation: **Roger Chickering** (Georgetown University; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin 2008/09)

Wednesday, January 21 | [Between the City and the Empire](#)

Vangelis Kechriotis (Bogaziçi University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2008/09), *The Responses of Non-Muslims in the Port-cities of the Ottoman Empire to the Second Constitutional Period*

Moderation: **Ulrike Freitag** (Zentrum Moderner Orient; Member of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, February 4 | [Portraits in Ottoman Art](#)

Aykut Gurçağlar (Mimar Sinan University of Fine Arts, Istanbul), *Dragoman Depictions in the Ottoman World: Portraits Commissioned by Dragomans as Patrons of the Art of Painting*

Moderation: **Vera Beyer** (Freie Universität Berlin)

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