IN SEARCH OF THE KINGDOM
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EMERGING SCHOLARSHIP ON SAUDI ARABIA:
FROM THE FIRST SAUDI STATE TO THE PRESENT

An International Workshop Co-Organized by
the Doctoral Students at
Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) &
Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies
(BGSMCS)

12th – 14th June 2013

from 7pm
Farewell Party and Barbecue
in the Garden of the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS), FU Berlin, Altensteinstr. 48, 14195 Berlin
1st Day, Wednesday June 12th

04:00 pm   Meeting for Boat Trip
            at „Märkisches Ufer”, in walking distance of metro line U2 station
            Märkisches Museum or metro line U8 and train S3, S5, S7, S9, S75
            station Jannowitzbrücke

04:30 pm   Start of the Boat Trip – Getting to know each other and Berlin

07:30 pm   Conference Dinner
            at “Schwarzwaldustrußen”, Tucholskystraße 48, 10117 Berlin, close to
            metro line U6 station Oranienburger Tor or U8 station Rosenthaler
            Platz or train S1, S2 or S25 station Oranienburgerstrasse

2nd Day, Thursday, June 13th, Venue: Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

08:30 am   Arrival & Coffee
09:00 am   Welcome & Introduction

9:15 am – 10:45 am  1st Panel: „Foundations“
Chair/Discussant: Ulrike Freitag, Claudia Schröder

Nathan Hodson: Business-State Relations Under ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz b.
ʿAbd al-Raḥmān Āl Saʿūd: A Study in Development and Political
Consolidation in Early Saudi Arabia (1902-1953)

Philippe Pétriat: A Hejazi Merchant Family, from the Ottoman to the
Saudi Rule

Domenik Schlosser: Muhammad Asad as a Source for Saudi History in
the Early 20th Century: A Critical Perspective

Nushin Atmaca: Constructing Saudi Arabia: Generational Narratives of
Global Training and Local Development

10:45 am – 11:15 am  Coffee break

11:15 am – 12:30 am  2nd Panel: ”(Political) Representations”
Chair/Discussant: Madawi Al-Rasheed, Matthias Determann

Toby Matthiesen: A Democratic Experiment and the Struggle for Local
Administration in Saudi Arabia: Municipal Elections in the Eastern
Province, 1954-1962

Arabia’s Eastern Province

Mohammad Bagader: Jeddah’s Historic Core and the Evolution of the
Saudi Built Heritage Conservation Discourse Since the 1970’s until 2012

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

3rd Panel: ”(Directed) Dialogues”:
Chair/Discussant: Abu Bakir Bagader, Nora Derbal

Menno Preusscha: Religion, Plurality and Identity: Inner-Islamic
Implications of the “National Dialogue” in Saudi Arabia

Sebastian Maisel: Power to the Tribes: A New Wave of Tribalism in
Saudi Arabia

Nadav Samin: The Oracle of al-Wurūd: Ḥamad al-Jāsir’s Genealogical
Correspondence, 1992-2000

4th Panel: ”(Constructions and Constrictions”
Chair/Discussant: Gudrun Krämer, Katharina Mühlbeyer

Luay Radhan: Liberal Democrat Turki al-Hamad: Politics between
Religiously Allowed and Religiously Forbidden (Licit and illicit)

Mohammad Gharibeh: Constructing the True Islam: The Wahhābi
Scholar Ibn ʿUthaymin (d. 2001) on the Divine Attributes and the Path
of the Pious Ancestors (Salaf)

A special panel discussing the chances and challenges of
contemporary developments for Saudi Arabia and scholars working
on the Kingdom will take place at the German Council on Foreign
Relations / Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik (DGAP,
Rauchstraße 17, 10787 Berlin)

Podium Discussion: „IN SEARCH OF SAUDI ARABIA – A ROCK IN A
STORMY SEA? SAUDI ARABIA AND THE ARAB SPRING”

Keynotes: Madawi al-Rasheed, Paul Aarts
Further Participation: Sebastian Maisel
Moderation: Gudrun Krämer

8:00 pm  Reception
9:30 pm  Casual Dinner

3rd day, Friday, June 14th, Venue: Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

9:30 am – 10:45 am  5th Panel: ”Religion Contested”
Chair/Discussant: Amélie Le Renard, Nushin Atmaca

Takao Kenichiro: Reconsidering the Social Role of the Committee for
Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice in an Evolving Saudi
Arabian Society

12:30 am – 1:30 pm  Lunch