

Annemarie van Geel: *Contesting Women-Only Public Spaces in Saudi Arabia*

Katharina Mühlbeyer: *From Sahwa to Self-Help - 'A'id al-Qarnis Islamic Books*

10:45 am – 11:00 am

Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 am

6th Panel: “(Intellectual) Fictions”

Chair/Discussant: TBC , Julia Clauss

Zeina G. Halabi: *The Ghost, the Body, and the Text: Refiguring the Saudi Political Novel in Seba al-Herz's The Others*

Tarek El-Ariss: *Virtual Arabia: Fiction in the Age of Violence*

Yuka Kadoi: *Between Neo-Islamic and Global: Saudi Art and the Visual Culture of 21st-Century Arabia*

Maha Al-Senan: *The Worth of Art: The Future of an Art Market and its Impact on Saudi Culture*

12:30 am – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

7th Panel: “Transnational Connections”

Chair/Discussant: Paul Aarts, Saud Al-Zaid

Chanfi Ahmed: *Encounter of 'Ulamā' from South Asia, West Africa and Egypt in the Dāral-Ḥadīth of Medina at the Beginning of the Ibn Sa'ūd's Regime*

Jörg Matthias Determann: *Scientific Networks, Evolution and the Saudi Wildlife Commission*

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Coffee break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

8th Panel: “Global vs. Local Transformations”

Chair/Discussant: TBC, Sebastian Sons

Saud Al-Zaid: *Salafi Aesthetics: The Bedouin Bourgeoisie*

Nora Derbal: *Making-of: Productive Citizens – Charity for the Poor in Saudi Arabia*

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Final Session: Research Agendas

Introduction: Ulrike Freitag, Abu Bakir Bagader

further participants: Werner Ende, Amélie Le Renard

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

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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

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(BGSMCS)

12th – 14th June 2013



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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 “Schwarzwaldstuben”, 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 ‘Abd al-‘Azīz b. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān Āl Sa‘ūd: 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*
- Claudia Schröder: *A Tamed Urban Revolution: The 1967 Riots in Saudi Arabia’s Eastern Province*
- Muhammad Bagader: *Jeddah’s Historic Core and the Evolution of the Saudi Built Heritage Conservation Discourse Since the 1970’s until 2012*
- 12:30 am – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

3rd Panel: “(Directed) Dialogues”:

Chair/Discussant: Abu Bakir Bagader, Nora Derbal

Menno Preuschaft: *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*

Coffee break

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

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 Gharaibeh: *Constructing the True Islam: The Wahhābi Scholar Ibn ‘Uthaymīn (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

6:30 pm

8:00 pm

9:30 pm

Reception

Casual Dinner

at the Biergarten “Café am Neuen See”, Lichtensteinallee 2, 10787 Berlin

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*