

Prayer in the City – Islam, Sacred Space and Urban Life

A workshop to be held on Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 June 2009

Opening on Thursday, 25 June 2009

Host: *Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS)/FU Berlin*

Programme

Thursday, 25 June: Opening (only on invitation!) – Museum for Islamic Art

18.30 – 21.00

Official Welcome

Dr. Stefan Weber, Director Museum for Islamic Art

Prof. Dr. Gudrun Krämer, Director BGSMCS

Prof. Dr. Ursula Lehmkuhl, Vice President Free University Berlin

Opening Remarks on the workshop “Prayer in the City”

Dr. Elisa T. Bertuzzo, Visiting Fellow at BGSMCS

Introduction of the keynote speaker by Nils Riecken, Doctoral Student at BGSMCS

Opening Lecture by Prof. Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town: *Cape Town's Circle of Muslim Shrines: Between Public and Religious Discourse*

Response: Prof. Dr. Roman Loimeier, ZMO

Reception

Friday, 26 June: Workshop – BGSMCS

9.00 – 11.00

Sacred Spaces as Centres of Religious Practice and Landmarks in Urban Space

The Case of the Jaipur Jami Mosque: Daily Prayer and Politics Disruptive

Prof. Catherine Asher, University of Minnesota

The Eyub Sultan Shrine - The Most Sacred Place in Istanbul

Feray Coskun, BGSMCS

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee/Tea Break

- 11.30 – 13.30 *Building Community: Creation of Public Squares in Senegal's Sufi Centres*
 Dr. Eric Ross, al-Akawayn University, Ifrane,
Production of Locality in an Ethiopian Sacred City
 Dr. Patrick Desplat, BGS MCS
 Chair: Prof. Dr. Ute Luig
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch Break
- 15.00 – 17.00 ***Religious Practices and Festivities - Catalysts of Urban Public Sphere?***
The Sufi Mazar as a Heterotopic Space: Shrines and their Visitors
 Dr. Santi Rozario, Prof. Geoffrey Samuel, Cardiff University
How Locals (Re-)Discover a Religious Sufi Centre Through Foreigners – the Interactions Between the Zawiya of Ahmad al-Tijani and its Environment in Fez, Morocco
 Johara Berriane, BGS MCS
 Chair: Prof. Dr. Toni Huber
- 17.00 – 17.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 17.15 – 19.15 *Policing Ambiguity: Muslim Saints-Day Festivals and the Moral Geography of Public Space in Egypt*
 Dr. Samuli Schielke, ZMO
Arenas of Contest? Public Islamic Festivals in Interwar Dar es Salaam
 Katharina Zöllner, ZMO
 Chair: Dr. Kai Kresse, ZMO
- 20.00 – open end *Festive Opening of the Graduate School Part II, Reception and Summer Feast*

Saturday, 27 June: Workshop – BGS MCS

- 9.00 – 11.00 ***Religious and Urban Everyday Rhythms***
Re/Mapping the Sites of Religious Experience and Authority: Female “Preachers” and Radio-Mediated Sermonizing in Urban Mali
 Dorothea Schulz, University of Cologne
Counting One Year’s Cash: Rhythms of Monetary Donations at a Major Shrine in Pakistan
 Linus Strothmann, BGS MCS
 Chair: Prof. Dr. Hermann Kreutzmann

11.00 – 11.30	<u>Coffee/Tea Break</u>
11.30 – 13.30	<p><i>Between Dargah and Masjid: Paying Attention to the Village through Prayer</i> Dr. Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University</p> <p><i>Everyday Life Around a Mosque-Cum-Bazaar Complex in Dhaka - A “Rhythm Analysis”</i> Dr. Elisa T. Bertuzzo, BGSMCS</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Nitin Sinha, ZMO</i></p>
13.30 – 15.00	<u>Lunch Break</u>
15.00 – 16.00	Summary Bertuzzo/Desplat
20.00	<i>Dinner for workshop participants at the hotel</i>