



PhD Workshop

The Middle East between Asia and Europe. Micro-, meso- and macrohistorical dimensions of a political debate

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Workshop

Over the past two decades, the construction of historical spaces and regional affiliations has taken on an important role in the humanities and social sciences. Particular attention has been paid to the social construction of border areas, the subjective notion of spatial relationships (mental maps) or structural similarities and differences between different regions. These debates have often been inspired by "classics" of historical spatial research (Mediterranean, Balkans, Eastern Europe). In contrast, the question of the social construction of space at the external borders - the 'edges' of Europe - and especially in relation to the Middle East remains vague and at the same time extremely politicized.

In this course, theoretical and methodological questions of historical "Raumforschung" will be developed and deepened in the case of the debates on the Middle East. In this way, the historical changeability of spatial allocations will come to the fore and not only political and diplomatic dynamics but also the social practices of border crossing will be examined. The course thus sees itself as an offer on an issue that is often not sufficiently considered regionally, but at the same time is methodologically broad enough to allow the problems discussed to be easily transferred to other cases and regions.

Speakers

Dr. Heinrich Hartmann



Not least due to his long research activity in Turkey, he is a proven expert for this "interface" between Asia and Europe. Heinrich Hartmann first studied history, philosophy and economics in Freiburg i. Br., Lyon and Berlin, and then did his doctorate (co-tutuelle) at the Paris Ecoles des Etudes en Sciences Sociales and the Freie Universität Berlin.

From 2010 he dedicated his habilitation to the connections of modernization theory and demographic studies for rural development in Turkey. During this time Heinrich Hartmann was a research assistant at the Department of History of Basel University and a fellow

at Boğaziçi University, the Orient Institute Istanbul, Columbia University New York and Princeton University, as well as a visiting scholar at the Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin; at the Centre de recherche sur les économies, les sociétés, les arts et les technologies at the Université de Haute Alsace, Mulhouse and at the Historical College of the LMU. He is also a member of the Board of Swiss Foundation for Research in Turkey (SFST).

Alexander E. Balistreri



will be teaching part of the course on January 16. He has been a research assistant at the Department of Middle East Studies at the University of Basel since 1 September 2017. He studied at the University of Madison-Wisconsin (Political Science and Asian Languages and Cultures) and at Sabanci University (Turkish Studies). In his PhD project at Princeton University, he examines the history of the poly-ethnic border region between the Caucasus and Anatolia. His further field of research includes the relations between states and populations. He has published, among other things, on the opposition in the early phase of the Turkish Republic and the "Southwest Caucasian Republic".

Registration

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