Düsseldorf | October 4 to 6, 2023

Islam, the Modern Nation State and Transnational Movements
Research, Challenges, Responses

Conference Location:
WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management
Campus Düsseldorf
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Wednesday Oct 4, 2023

17:30  Pre-Conference Warm-up  
Registration of participants and guests

18:30  Welcome Greetings

19:00  ● Keynote Lecture
Prof. Dr. Peter Neumann, London/Vienna
From „Spring“ to „Fall“: Islamist Approaches to Governance in the Middle East

20:30  Welcome Reception
with dinner buffet

Thursday Oct 5, 2023

9:30  Welcome Greetings

10:00  ● Sektion 1 | Session 1
Islam, Modernity, Transnational Relations
Prof. Dr. Bianca Devos / Elyas Pirasteh, Marburg
State Islam in pre-Revolutionary Iran (1941-1979): Religious Politics between Nationalism and Modernism
Dr. Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, Freiburg i.Brsg.
Revolutionary Inference: Iran and Global Islam

11:15  Coffee Break

11:45  ● Sektion 2 | Session 2
Making National Identities
Sarah Spiegel, Bonn
Gender Conceptions and Womens' Roles in da’wa: The Late Writings of Zaynab al-Ḡazāli
Prof. Dr. John Hanson, Bloomington IN
The Ahmadiyya in Ghana (West Africa): Local Initiatives in a Trans-National Muslim Movement

13:00  Lunch

14:00  ● Sektion 3 | Session 3
Orders of Coexistence and Conflict
Dr. Pippa Virdee, Leicester
Knitting the Nation: Women and Pakistan (1940-1965)
Dr. Christoph Giesel, *Jena*
The Role of Islam in Ethnicity and Minority Formation Processes in the Post-Ottoman Space: Transnational, Comparative and Inversive Perspectives

15:00  **Coffee Break**

15:30  ■ *Sektion 4 | Session 4*
   *Religion between Emancipation and Extremism*

   Prof. Dr. Subho Basu, *Montreal*
   Golden Bengal: Islam, Nationalism, and Nation-State in Bangladesh

   Dr. Kevin Fogg, *Chapel Hill NC*
   Mainline Islam: Islamic Associational Life in Indonesia

   Dr. Teresa Bernheimer, *Munich*
   Extremism in Early Islam: The Kharijites in Comparative Perspective

17:00  **Coffee Break**

17:30  ■ *Sektion 5 | Session 5*
   *Challenges of Region and Place*

   Dr. Felicitas Becker, *Ghent*
   Liveable Truths and Entertainment in Swahili Muslim Sermons

   Dr. Thomas Gugler, *Münster*
   Cultures of Plurality in Contemporary South Asia

18:30  **Coffee Break**

19:00  ■ *Sektion 6 | Session 6*
   *Political Islam*

   Prof. Dr. Francesco Cavatorta, *Québec*
   Political Islam after the Uprisings: Transformation and Competition

   Prof. Dr. Oliver Scharbrodt, *Lund*
   Researching Diasporic and Transnational Islam: The Case of Twelver Shii Muslims in London

20:00  Joint walk to the nearby restaurant

20:15  **Dinner**

   Restaurant Hase & Igel
   Schwanenhöfe, Gebäude 8
   Erkrather Str. 226, 40233 Düsseldorf
Friday Oct 6, 2023

9:30  ■ Sektion 7 | Session 7
Dynamics and Interdependencies
Prof. Dr. Simeon Evstatiev, Sofia
Salafism and the Boundaries of Faith:
From the Middle East to the Balkans
Dr. Sahar Aurore Saeidnia, Paris
"Doing good" Practices and Health Politics
in the Islamic Republic of Iran
Dr. David Warren, St. Louis MO
State-Sponsored Religious Authorities and the Arab Spring:
Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Abdullah Bin Bayyah, and the Qatar-UAE Contest

11:15  Coffee Break

11:30  ■ Sektion 8 | Session 8
Transmission of Knowledge
Prof. Dr. Suleiman Mourad, Northampton MA
History and National Identity in Twentieth Century Damascus:
The Case of Ibn 'Asakir
Dr. Jakob Krais, Munich
Shaping the Modern Body: A Somatic Cultural History
of Late Colonial Algeria (c. 1919-1962)
Dr. Anna Heller, Marburg / Prof. Dr. Christoph Werner, Bamberg
Nationalism on Stage:
Theater and Nation Building in early Pahlavi-Iran

13:00  Lunch

14:00  ■ Sektion 9 | Session 9
Social Movements
Dr. Alp Eren Topal, Istanbul
The Third Empire: Restoration of Ottoman Monarchy and the Formation of the
Modern State in the Early 19th Century
Prof. Dr. Behlul Özkan, Istanbul
Relations between West Germany and Turkish Political Islam
in the Cold War: From an Anti-Communist Alliance to a Domestic
Security Issue

15:00  Coffee Break
15:15  Closing Remarks and Discussion
PD Dr. Kristin Platt, Bochum
Themes of a Funding Program:
Linearizations/Delinearizations

16:15  End of the Conference Program
But: the program continues.
The farewells are postponed until the next program highlights.

20:00  Dinner
Restaurant Malkasten
im Künstlerverein Malkasten
Jacobistraße 6, 40211 Düsseldorf

Saturday Oct 7, 2023

9:30  Visiting program (voluntary)
Walking tour in the old town of Düsseldorf
The meeting place will be communicated.

11:15  Guided tour of perhaps the most exciting museum
of modern art in Germany
K20, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen
Grabbeplatz 5, 40213 Düsseldorf