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**FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE GERDA HENKEL FOUNDATION
SPECIAL PROGRAM | Update: 09.08.2023**



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
Erkrather Str. 224a, 40233 Düsseldorf

Conference Language: English

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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-Ġazālī

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 Competititon

Prof. Dr. Oliver Scharbrodt, *Lund*

Researching Diasporic and Transnational Islam:
The Case of Twlever 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 Kraus, *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. Behlül 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