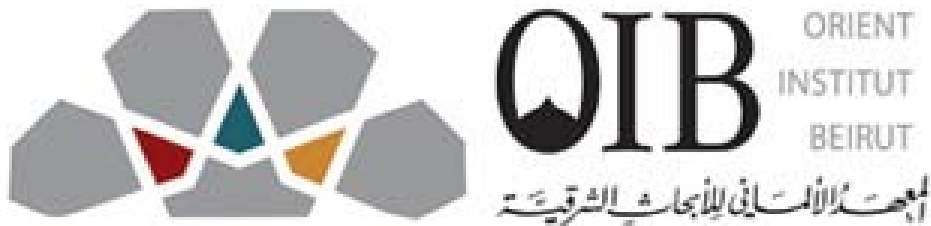


# Constitutional Experiences in the Middle East and North Africa (from approx. 18th to 20th century)

Conference at the *Orient-Institut Beirut*  
Beirut, 6-7 November 2014



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, November 6-2014

10.00 – 10.15

**Stefan Leder**  
*Welcome and Introduction*

10.30-13.00

***The Emergence of Modern Constitutions and Their Contexts***  
Chair: Nadine Méouchy (Institut français du Proche-Orient, Beirut)

**Zülâl Muslu**  
(Ouest Nanterre La Défense University, Paris / Max-Planck-Institute  
for European Legal History, Frankfurt)  
*The fundamental law of 1876: The constitution of the Ottoman changing  
sovereignty*

Coffee break

**Nora Lafi**  
(Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)  
*Constitutional debates in their context in late Ottoman Tunis (1857-1881):  
Reinterpreting the roots and development of political modernity*

**Michelle Brunelli**  
(Bergamo State University)  
*The ideological roots of the constitutional revolution in Persia. Different  
souls for one goal*

Lunch

14.00-17.30

***Containing Authority: Norms and Frameworks of Legal Thought***  
Chair: Martha Mundy (The London School of Economics and Political  
Science)

**Bettina Dennerlein**  
(University of Zurich)  
*Negotiating political authority. Contention and compliance in pre-colonial  
Morocco*

**Ismail Warscheid**  
(German Historical Institute, Paris / Institut des mondes africains  
(CNRS), Paris)  
*The ḡamāʿa and its jurists: Islamic legal thought and community structures  
in pre-modern Saharan societies (1600-1800)*

Coffee Break

**Malek Sharif**

(Beirut/ Münster)

*Debates and deliberations of Ottoman Syrians during the first constitutional period*

**Hassan Hallak**

(Beirut Arab University)

*The Ottoman constitutional process, interior and exterior instigations*

Lecture in Arabic, translation provided

**Friday, November 7-2014**

9.30-13.30

***Legal Practice and Discourse in the Vicinity and Wake of Constitutions***

Chair: Astrid Meier (Orient-Institut Beirut)

**Will Hanley**

(Florida State University, Tallahassee)

*Sharing hegemony: Constitutional pluralism in practice in late nineteenth century Egypt*

**Ghina Mourad**

(Université Libanaise, Tripoli)

*Local authorities and institutions and their transformation in constitutional law*

Lecture in Arabic, translation provided

**Başak Tuğ**

(Istanbul Bilgi University)

*Constitutional experiences in Ottoman legal practice, 18th & 19th centuries*

Coffee Break

**Huseyin Yilmaz**

(George Mason University, Fairfax)

*From Kanun-i Kadim to Kanun-i Esasi: Law and constitutionalism in late Ottoman*

**Farouq Hoblos**

(Université Libanaise, Tripoli)

*The Tripoli Sharia Court in the context of political administration and juridical institutions*

Lecture in Arabic, translation provided

Lunch

14.30 -17.00

***Legal and Ideological Dimensions of Constitutional Processes***

Chair: Stefan Leder (Orient-Institut Beirut / Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg)

**Elizabeth F. Thompson**

(University of Virginia, Charlottesville)

*Rashid Rida & the 1920 Syrian Constitution: The last stand of Islamic liberalism*

**Maaïke Voorhoeve**

(Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)

*The first constitution of the Arab world: The Tunisian Qanun al-dawla between fact and fiction?*

Coffee Break

**Hafidha Chekir**

(Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates, Tunis)

*L'histoire constitutionnelle de la Tunisie: une histoire singulière marquée par des réformes modernes et des contestations sociales*

17.00 – 17.15

**Stefan Leder**

*Conclusion*

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