

People, Ideas, and Things on the Move

Past and Present Mobilities to, from and within the Middle East

GSAH | Global Studies & MIKO | Workshop

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15 October, 9.00 – 14.00h

Mittelstrasse, room 228

To register and receive the workshop materials, please write a short email to Rea Vogt (rea.vogt@unibe.ch)

The purpose of this interdisciplinary workshop is to present the ongoing projects of researchers on migration/mobility within, from, and to the Middle East. PhD candidates and postdocs will present a paper or present their projects, according to their individual needs and stage in their projects. The workshop will offer an opportunity for young researchers to discuss their work in an intimate and collegial atmosphere on the topic of Mobilities and Migration in the Middle East.

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The papers will be sent to all registered participants until October 10, 2025. As these are "work in progress", please do not circulate the workshop material without the permission of the authors.

9:15 Welcome Coffee & Intro

9:30 – 10:30 Glocal Economies

Moslem Ghomashlouyan (ANTHRO)

SNSF Proposal Discussion: Workarounds: Cryptocurrencies, Trade, and Leapfrogging in and around Sanctioned Iran

Philipp Horn (HIST)

Paper Discussion: A Sheikh's Souvenir: A Social History of the Hajj in the Afropean Fin de Siècle

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 Travelling Ideas and Commodities

Rea Vogt (HIST)

Paper Discussion: "A Returnee's Drink": The Social Life of Yerba Mate from the Triple-Frontera to Lebanon (1920s-1950s)

Helena Rust (MOMuG / UZH)

Questions of Migration in Arabic Sexual Science (1900–1940): Global Connections and Local Situatedness

12.00 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Mobility Regimes in the Middle East

Ali Sonay (MOMuG)

"Invading' the Nation": Representations of Syrian Refugees in Turkish Anti-Immigration Media"

Laura Rowitz (MOMuG)

Labour Migration Control under the Kafāla

16:15 – 17:45 Colloquia of Modern History (Unitobler, F-121)

Akram Khater (NCSU)

Seeking Justice from Afar: Transnational Land Disputes and Modern Ottoman Legal Reforms