

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**9h Panel 4:  
Representation and Social (Dis)order**

Chair: Hanna Al-Tajer (SOAS, London)  
Panelists: Igor Johannsen (UMR, Marburg):  
*Re-Creating Resistance. Connective Marginalities  
and Contested Significations in/of the Middle Eastern  
Hip Hop Community*

Jamie Furniss (UoE, Edinburgh):  
*Al-Ustura: Batal Sha'abi or Baltagi? Class and Contested  
Masculinity in Egypt*

Ines Braune (UMR, Marburg):  
*A Radical Approach to the City. Parkour in Morocco*

Andrea Fischer-Tahir (UMR, Marburg):  
*The Survival of the Kurdish Chicken: Nationalist  
Discourse, Neoliberal Capitalism, and Consumption  
Practices in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq*

**11h coffee break**

**11:30h Panel 5:  
Researching Crisis and War, Researching in  
Crisis and War**

Chair: Perrine Lachenal (UMR, Marburg)  
Panelists: Mina Ibrahim (OIB, Beirut):  
*De-Victimizing Emancipation: The Afterlife of Coptic  
Christians' Crisis*

Lamia Moghnieh (EUME, Berlin):  
*Ethnography, Violence and Knowledge Production in the  
Middle East*

Ayse Cavdar (UMR, Marburg):  
*Investigating Fear and Anxiety: The Reflexivity of the  
"Native" Researcher*

Helena Nassif (OIB, Beirut):  
*To Fear and to Defy: Emotions in the Field*

**13:30h lunch break**

**14:30h Panel 6:  
Reconfigurations of MENA Regional Sciences:  
Concepts, Challenges**

Chair: Achim Rohde (AIWG, Frankfurt)  
Panelists: André Bank (GIGA, Hamburg):  
*Comparative Area Studies in Theory and Practice*

Sari Hanafi (AUB, Beirut):  
*Social Sciences and Islamic Sciences: Mutual Ignorance  
or Competition?*

Karima Direche (IRCM, Tunis):  
*Observer une transition politique par un centre  
français à l'étranger. Le cas de l'IRCM à Tunis*

Achim von Oppen (BAAAS, Bayreuth):  
*Future Africa ? Challenges of Temporality in the  
Area Studies*

**18h Wrap Up and Dinner  
in the Building of the CNMS  
Deutschhausstr. 12, Marburg**

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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Final Conference

# Reconfigurations and Connectivities of the MENA Region: Contextualizing Upheavals, Transformations, and Lasting Crises

14 November - 16 November 2018  
Altes Rathaus, Marburg

Philipps-Universität Marburg  
Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies  
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## Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**15:30h** Arrival

**16:00h** Opening

Greetings: Stefan Weninger

**16:30h** Panel discussion:  
**100 Years of Re-Configurations: Contextualizing the MENA-Region Globally and Historically [in German]**

Chair: Christoph Werner (UMR, Marburg)

Panelists: Eckart Conze (UMR, Marburg)  
Alexander Flores (HSB, Bremen)  
Heike Liebau (ZMO, Berlin)  
Rachid Ouaisa (UMR, Marburg)

**18:30h** Piano Concert by Aeham Ahmad

Introduction: Sihem Hamlaoui

**19:30h** Reception

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**9h** Introduction:  
**Re-Configurations, Connections, and Contexts**  
Rachid Ouaisa and Achim Rohde

**9:30h** Panel 1:  
**Political Reconfigurations and Transitional Justice**

Chair: Susanne Buckeley-Zistel (UMR, Marburg)

Panelists: Mariam Salehi (UMR, Marburg):  
*Transitional Justice in Process: How Do Institutionalized Processes of Social and Political Change Interplay with Unintended Processes, Power Shifts, and Frictions?*

Irene Weipert-Fenner (HSFK, Frankfurt):  
*Socioeconomic protests and incorporation crises in post-revolutionary Egypt and Tunisia: A comparative analysis inspired by Latin American experiences*

Laura Ruiz de Elvira (IRD, Marseille):  
*From Local Revolutionary Action to Exiled Humanitarian Work. Activism in Local Social Networks in the Syrian Post-2011 Context*

Anika Oettler (UMR, Marburg):  
*What Peace and Transitional Justice in Colombia teach us about the MENA region*

**11:30h** coffee break

**12h** Panel 2:  
**Space. Transregional Ties and Translocal Movements**

Chair: Manja Stephan-Emmrich (HU, Berlin)  
Panelists: Alena Strohmaier (META/UMR, Marburg):  
*Counter-Spaces in/of „the first Iranian Vampire Western“*

Claudia Derichs (HU, Berlin):  
*Manifestations of TRANS-MENA in Southeast Asia*

Katrin Bromber (ZMO, Berlin):  
*Spatial Re-configuration of Progress: Physical Fitness and Nation Building in Ethiopia between the 1920s and 1980*

Steffen Wippel (UMR, Marburg):  
*Current Re-configurations of Tangier (Morocco) from a Multiscale Spatial Perspective*

**14h** lunch break

**15h** Panel 3:  
**Generation and Youth: MENA and Southern Europe**

Chair: Malte Hagener (UMR, Marburg)

Panelists: Dimitris Soudias (UMR, Marburg):  
*Spatializing Subjectivity. Theoretical Considerations on Crises, Protest Camps and Transformative Experiences*

Nina S. Studer (UB, Bern):  
*Starting Early: Drinking Habits of Children and Adolescents in the Colonial Maghreb*

Anne-Linda Amira Augustin (UMR, Marburg):  
*Intergenerational Resistance: The Transmission of a Counterhegemonic Narrative as an Everyday Form of Resistance in the South Arabian Independence Struggle (Southern Yemen)*

Christoph Schwarz (UMR, Marburg):  
*Youth and Generation: Political Temporalities in Protest Movements*

Jamal Bahmad (MVU, Morocco):  
*Youth, Social Media Activism and Citizen Cinema in Post-Arab Spring Morocco*

**17h** coffee break

**17:30h** Roundtable discussion:  
**How global were the 'global Sixties'?**

Chair: Benedikt Stuchtey (UMR, Marburg)

Panelists: Thorsten Bonacker (UMR, Marburg)  
Jens Hanssen (UT, Toronto)  
Claudia Derichs (UMR, Marburg)

**19:30h** Dinner for invited conference participants

## Conference Report

**Reconfigurations and Connectivities of the MENA Region:  
Contextualizing Upheavels, Transformations and Lasting Crises**

In mid-November, the research network “Re-Configurations” convened its last international conference with the above mentioned title. For this occasion, a row of former team members and guest scholars of the network returned to Marburg to present their ongoing research and discuss connected topics with the remaining team and other guests from as far as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Lebanon. The conference took place in the medieval city hall in the center of Marburg and included two panel discussions – one engaging the historical and global context of current political activities in the MENA region, the other deliberating about the globality of the “sixties” – as well as a piano concert by the Syrian artist Aeham Ahmad.

Accordingly, the opening of the conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November including the first panel discussion and the concert, were attended by many people from the wider public, media, and students of the university. With attendance slightly above the number of active participants the program commenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November with panels comprising four speakers and a person acting as chair. The panels included topics like transitional justice, considerations of space and age, representation, war as well as conceptual approaches to the study of the region and its societies. The venue proved well fitted for the event as it provided all necessary infrastructure for intellectual debate as well as private conversation.

The conference concluded successfully with a formal wrap up in the building of the CNMS. Participants repeatedly stressed their satisfaction with different aspects and the overall course of the event and the opening session was benevolently mentioned in the local press.