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## Begriffsgeschichte und Historische Semantik des Vorderen Orients:

**Ziele, Methoden und Möglichkeiten**

## Conceptual History and Historical Semantics in Middle Eastern Contexts:

**Aims, methods and potentials**



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4 - 5 July 2013**

## Abstract

This workshop aims to explore the potentials of the approaches of conceptual history (*Begriffsgeschichte*) and related approaches. As language is not merely an ornament attached to 'real' politics but very much in the centre of it, a study of pragmatics and key terms provide an access to the workings and changes of political practice.

Although the focus is on 18th-20th century Arabic, Turkish and Persian sources, interregional, inter-lingual and intercultural exchange as well as other periods will also be considered.

In a concentrated two-day effort, the workshop participants will discuss approaches, agendas and formats that might be possible to advance conceptual history and historical semantics in the Middle Eastern context.

**Kindly note that the working language of this workshop will be German, with the exception of the project presentation on Friday, which is in English.**

For registration, please contact Mr Ahmad Hussein ([sek@orient-institut.org](mailto:sek@orient-institut.org)).

## Programme

*Thursday, 4 July 2013  
(Library)*

09:00-11:30 Begriffsgeschichtliche  
Fallstudien

*Kaffeepause*

11:45-13:00 Erkenntnisziele, Ansätze und  
Quellen

*Mittagessen*

14:00-15:00 Projektplanung

15:00-16:00 Form und Struktur

*Kaffeepause*

16:30-17:30 Zusammenfassung

*Friday, 5 July 2013  
(Seminar room)*

**10:00-12:00 Middle Eastern political imaginaries: Ideas for a collaborative research project. Public presentation and discussion of a research perspective (in English)**

*Mittagessen*

13:30-15:00 Bilanz

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