

Wednesday, 11 May 2016

19:00 | Gathering in the lobby of Le Bristol hotel & walk to the restaurant

19:30 **GET-TOGETHER at Dar Bistro & Books**

Thursday, 12 May 2016

Venue: **American University of Beirut (AUB),
College Hall, Auditorium B1**

08:00 | Gathering in the hotel lobby & walk to AUB

08:15-08:30 **WELCOME COFFEE**

08:30-09:00 **Welcome Speech
Fadlo R. Khuri**

(President of the American University of Beirut)

Opening Address and Introduction

Julia Hauser, Bilal Orfali, Kirill Dmitriev

(Conference Organizers)

09:00-11:00 **Session 1: Food and Social Status**

Chair: **Torsten Wollina** (OIB)

Brigitte Caland (AUB)

Food as a Display of Power and Intellectual Movements from Mesopotamia to Ottoman Empire

Nuha Al-Shaar (American University of Sharjah)

The Ritualization of Food and Table-Talk in Arabic Traditions

Tarek Abu Hussein (Harvard University)

Social Dining, Banqueting and the Cultivation of a Coherent Social Identity: The Case of Damascene 'Ulama' in the Late Mamluk/Early Ottoman Period

Norman Domeier (University of Stuttgart)

Food and Politics. Political Banquet Culture in Berlin in the 1920s and 1930s

11:00-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30-12:30

Session 2: Prohibitions and Prescriptions I

Chair: **Kirill Dmitriev** (St Andrews)

Yasmin Amin (University of Exeter)

Peeling Onions, Layer by Layer

Karen Moukheiber (AUB)

Beyond Halal: The Do's and Don'ts of Islamic Cookery in Urban Medieval Syria

12:30-13:30

LUNCH

13:30-14:30

Session 3: Prohibitions and Prescriptions II

Chair: **Kirill Dmitriev** (St Andrews)

Mariam Al-Attar

(American University of Sharjah)

Food Ethics: The Debate over the Permissibility of the Genetically Modified Food (GM Food) in Contemporary Muslim Juridical Ethics

Shaheed Tayob

(Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)
Theoretical Reflections on Halal Food

14:30-14:45

COFFEE BREAK

14:45-15:45

Session 4: Body

Chair: **Alexis Wick** (AUB)

Christian Junge (University of Marburg)

Food, Body, Society: Al-Shidyāq's 'Somatic Critique' of 19th Century Modernities

Silke Hackenesch

(University of Kassel)

Trapped in Eternal Servitude? Chocolate as a Racial Signifier and the Case of the German "Sarotti Mohr"

Evening Event at the Orient-Institut Beirut

| Gathering in the hotel lobby & walk to OIB

18:00

Keynote Lecture by Eric Dursteler

(Brigham Young University)

The "Abominable Pig" and the "Mother of All Vices": Pork, Wine and Culinary Encounters in the Early Modern Mediterranean

19:30

RECEPTION at OIB

Friday, 13 May 2016

Excursion along the Lebanese Food Trail

| Gathering in the hotel lobby & bus transfer

Session 5: Intoxication

Chair: **Mario Kozah** (AUB)

Bilal Orfali (AUB)

Wine and Humanism in Early Islam

Danilo Marino (INALCO Paris)

Food and Hashish in Mamluk Literature

Elizabeth Saleh (AUB)

Food, Wine and Visions of Authenticity in Lebanon

Saturday, 14 May 2016

Venue: **American University of Beirut,
College Hall, Auditorium B1**

08:30 | Gathering in the hotel lobby & walk to AUB

Session 6: Abstention

Chair: **Bilal Orfali** (AUB)

Pedro Martins (University of Göttingen)

An Ontological Dispute in the Writings of Porphyry of Tyre: Discussions on Meat-Eating as a Battlefield for Different World-Views in Antiquity

Kevin Blankinship (University of Chicago)

Veganism and the Ethics of Medieval Authorship in Ma'arri's Personal Correspondence

Julia Hauser (University of Kassel)

Fantasies of the Frugal: Perceptions of Foodways in the Ottoman Empire and Egypt in Nineteenth-Century Vegetarian Discourse

10:30-10:45

COFFEE BREAK

10:45-12:15

Session 7: Scarcity and Humanitarianism

Chair: **Till Gallert** (OIB)

Lola Wilhelm

(The Graduate Institute Geneva)

Local Histories of International Food Aid

Reem Maghribi

(Sharq for Citizen Development)

Displacement, Food and Mealtimes: Syrian

Refugees and Changing Food Regimes

Tylor Brand (American University of Sharjah)

Some Eat to Remember, Some to Forget:

Coping and the Mnemonic Role of Food in the Syrian Famine of WWI

12:15-13:30

LUNCH

13:30-15:00

Session 8: Food and Gender

Chair: **Julia Hauser** (University of Kassel)

Rania Elsayed (Aga Khan University)

The Quince: A Blessed Fruit that Enhances the Male's Sperm and Beautifies the Fetus in his Mother's Womb

Christian Sassmannshausen

(Freie Universität Berlin)

Eating Up: Food and Status in Late Ottoman Greater Syria

Anny Gaul (Georgetown University)

Gender, Class, and the Egyptian Kitchen (1919-1952)

15:00-15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30-16:30

Final Discussion

20:00

DINNER EVENT

Discover Abbasid Food:

Encounters in Gastronomic History

by and in cooperation with **Brigitte Caland**

commented by **Charles Perry**

Venue:

Hotel Le Bristol

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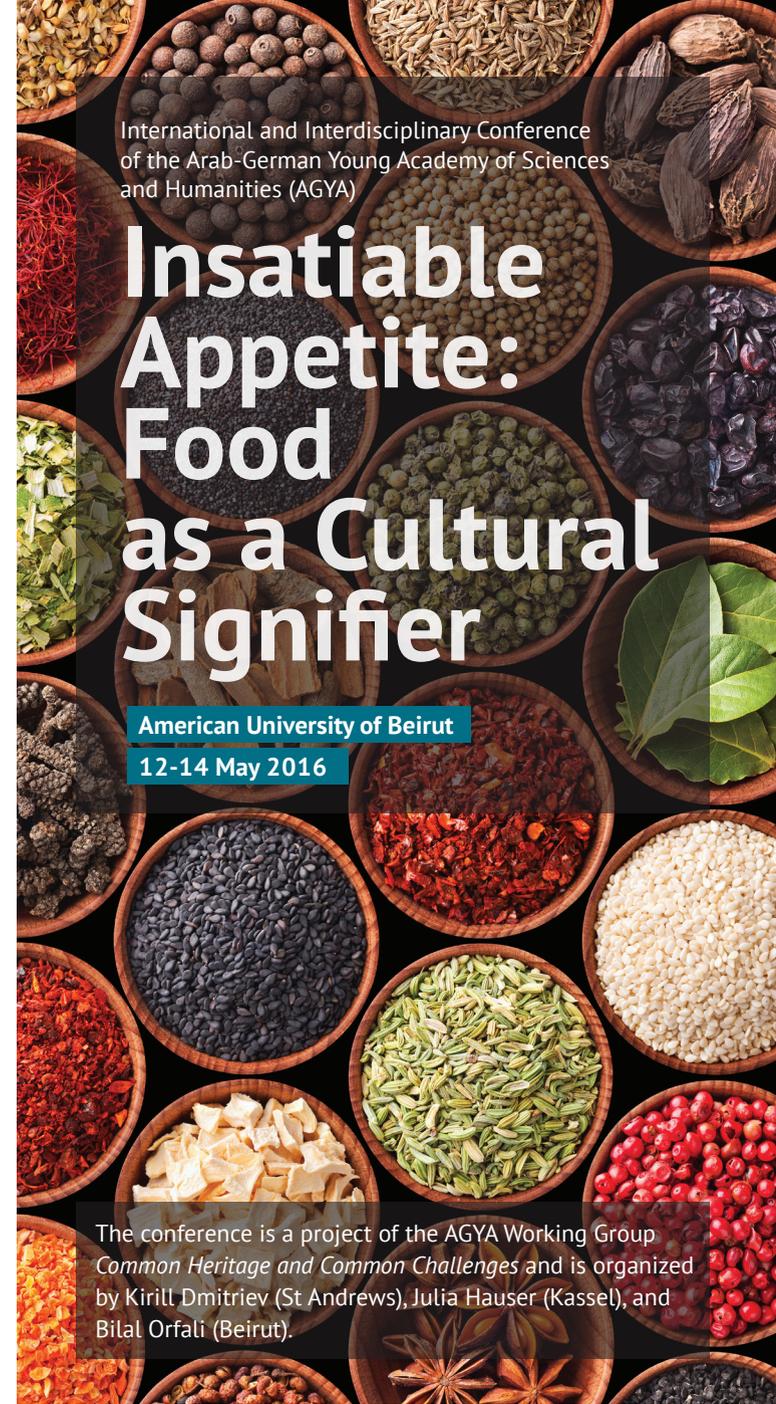


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