



WORKSHOP

YEMEN'S LIVING HERITAGE

TRIBES AND TRIBALISM INTO THE 21ST CENTURY



ORGANIZER:

New Frontiers Group Project “Deciphering Local Power Politics in Northwest Yemen”
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PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 – WEDNESDAY

- 09:15–09:30 **Introduction**
- Panel 1: The Concept of Tribe in Yemen**
- 09:30–10:00 **Najwa Adra**
"Qabyala", or what does it mean to be tribal in Yemen?
- 10:00–10:30 **Daniel Mahoney**
Understanding Yemeni Tribalism: A Temporal Perspective
- 10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK
- Panel 2: Tribal Law**
- 11:00–11:30 **Paul Dresch** (in absentia)
Some Principles and Continuities of Tribal Law
- 11:30–12:00 **Laila al-Zwaini**
There Is No Custom But Shari'a: A Yemeni "shahāda" of Tribal Doctrine in an Islamic Frame
- 12:00–13:30 LUNCH (at Pizza Quartier, Karmelitermarkt 96, 1020 Vienna)
- Panel 3: Tribes and Agriculture**
- 13:30–14:00 **Daniel Varisco**
"Qabila" and "Jirba": The Role of Agriculture in the Northern Highlands of Yemen
- 14:00–14:30 **Zachary Lentsch**
Uprooting the Qat-Tribe Nexus in the Sharqi Haraz
- 14:30–15:00 COFFEE BREAK
- Panel 4: Tribes and Borders**
- 15:00–15:30 **Andre Gingrich**
Munebbih's north western borders across the 20th century: Temporality and agency in territory-related contracts under changing conditions of regional hegemony
- 15:30–16:00 **Lisa Lenz**
The Yemeni Border Guard: Roles and interests of the Yemeni border tribes in securing the Yemeni-Saudi border

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – THURSDAY

- 09:15–09:30 **Introduction**
- Panel 5: Conflict Management**
- 09:30–10:00 **Nadwa al-Dawsari**
Tribal Women's Role in Conflict Mitigation in Yemen
- 10:00–10:30 **Marieke Brandt**
Some remarks on blood revenge ("tha`r") in contemporary Yemen
- 10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK
- Panel 6: Eastern Yemen**
- 11:00–11:30 **Elisabeth Kendall**
Tribal Dynamics in eastern Yemen's al-Mahra Region
- 11:30–12:00 **Mikhail Rodionov**
Social Re-Stratification in Hadramawt during the last 25 years: An Anthropological Outlook
- 12:00–13:30 LUNCH BREAK (at Leopold, Große Pfarrgasse 11, 1020 Vienna)
- Panel 7: Societal and Political Dynamics**
- 13:30–14:00 **Steven C. Caton**
Tribes, Poetry and the Change Revolution
- 14:00–14:30 **Marie-Christine Heinze**
"Thuwwam, 'iswab" and 'dense daggers': The enduring political potency of the "janbiya"
- 14:30–15:00 COFFEE BREAK
- Continuation Panel 8: Societal and Political Dynamics**
- 15:00–15:30 **Helen Lackner**
A few observations on the changing role of tribes in Yemen's political economy in the past half century
- 15:30–16:00 **Alexander Weissenburger**
The Role of Tribes in Huthi Framing
- 16:00–17:00 **General discussion and closing remarks**
- 19:00 **Dinner** (at Gasthaus Pfudl, Bäckerstraße 22, 1010 Vienna)