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 Shariʿa: 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 (“thaʾr”) 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, īswab” and ’dense daggers’: The enduring political potency of the “jambiya”

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)