

The Research Center and Publications on the Middle East

Saint Joseph University of Beirut

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The Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies

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are pleased to invite you to attend the Seminar

**MINORITIES
in the
Middle East**



Open to USJ students (2 credits) and to external visitors.

Translation from English to Arabic will be available.



DAY 1: Friday 16 of March 2018

[Program: 20 mn presentation, 10 mn questions]

15:00 - 16:30 (Coordinator Dr. Ray J. Mouawad)

- Keynote speaker Dr. Tom Sicking s.j. (Saint Joseph University):
Two Fears and Two Desires of Minorities.
- Prof. Hidemitsu Kuroki (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies):
Middle Eastern Studies in Japan: Its Short History and Potential.
- Dr. Souad Slim (University of Balamand):
An example of Christian Muslim Relations in the Ottoman Period.

PAUSE

17:00 - 19:00 (Coordinator: Dr. Tom Sicking s.j.)

- Dr. Hiroki Wakamatsu (Toros University):
Social Organization Process of Alevis in Turkey: an Anthropological Approach for Survival Strategy.
- Dr. Guita Hourani (Notre-Dame University):
Survival Strategies in an Ethnic Minority Group: The Kurds of Lebanon.
- Dr. Aiko Nishikida (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies):
The Palestinians in Lebanon.

DAY 2: Saturday 17 of March 2018

[Program: 20 mn presentation, 10 mn questions]

9:30 - 11:00 (Coordinator Dr. Souad Slim)

- Keynote speaker Dr. Roula Talhouk (Saint Joseph University):
Chiites/Maronites in Beirut's Suburbs.
- Dr. Hidemi Takahashi (The University of Tokyo):
Survival of Syriac Christianity in China: Remarks on Some Recent Discoveries.

PAUSE

11:30 - 13:00 (Coordinator Dr. Roula Talhouk)

- Dr. Antranik Dakessian (Haigazian University):
100 years of Reconstructing Identity: The Tiny Armenian Community of Jounieh.
- Dr. Ray J. Mouawad (Saint Joseph University):
Jews in Tripoli – Lebanon.
- Dr. Asuka Tsuji (Kawamura Gakuin Women's University):
The relationships of the Coptic Church in the 15th century.