6) 14:30-16:30 FROM ONE PERIPHERY TO THE OTHER: DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Chair: MICHEL CHRISTIAN (University of Geneva)

- AYKIZ DOGAN (University Paris I)
  From Soviet to American Development Models: The Role of Transnational Actors, Economic Expertise and Knowledge Transfer in the Economic (Re)Construction of Turkey

- MASSIMILIANO TRENTIN (University of Bologna)
  State-led Development: the Privileged Linkage between East Germany and Ba‘thist Syria, 1963-1972

- ŁUKASZ STANEK (University of Manchester)
  Architecture and Petrobarter. Romanian and East German Construction Export to Oil Producing Countries, 1970s-1980s

CONCLUSIONS (ADAM MESTYAN) AND DISCUSSION
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1) 14:00-14:30 INTRODUCTION
- SANDRINE KOTT et CYRUS SCHAYEGH: Welcome note
- VLADIMIR HAMED TROYANSKI (Stanford University)
  Trans-Imperial Connections between the Late Ottoman and Russian Empires

2) 14:30-16:30 A NEW SPATIALITY
   (FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO THE MIDDLE EAST)
Chair: NATASHA WHEATLEY (Princeton University) / via skype ONDREJ MATEJKA
   (Charles University, Prague)
- NATASA MIŠKOVIC (University of Basel)
  The Non-Aligned Movement and the Orientalist Turn
- RINNA KULLAA (University of Tampere/University of Vienna)
  Third Way Networks and the Redefining of an Eastern Mediterranean Crescent as a Transformative Political Space 1954-1990
- JOSEPH BEN PRESTEL (Freie Universität Berlin / Orient-Institut Beirut)
  Global Palestine in Cold War Germany, 1967-1979

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3) 17:00-18:30 STATE BUILDING AND TRANSNATIONAL ENCOUNTERS
Chair: ADAM MESTYAN (Duke University, USA)
- MIŘA M. MÜLLER (Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Germany)
  Transnational Identity-Creation in the Middle East: East Germany’s Engagement in South Yemen as a Spatial Claim to State-Identity
- ISABELLA GINOR and GIDEON REMEZ (Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
  Internatsionalisty and “Soldiers of Allah”, Interaction between Soviets and Egyptians in Their Joint War against Israel

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4) 09:00-11:00 CULTURAL CIRCULATION
Chair: VALENTINA CALZOLARI (University of Geneva)
- MASHA KIRASIROVA (New York University Abu Dhabi)
  “Muslim Tradition Forbids Reciting the Qur’an while Drunk:”
  Soviet Cultural Diplomacy and the Arab Intelligentsia, 1925-1948
- PHILIPP CASULA (University of Zurich/Manchester)
  Soviet Travelers to the Middle East: Searching Modernity and a True Soviet Self during the Cold War
- KONSTANTINOS KATSAKORIS (University Bayreuth)
  The COMECON Countries, North Africa and the Middle East:
  Educational Cooperation during the Cold War

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5) 11:15-13:15 MINORITIES AS BRIDGE BUILDERS
Chair: Vladimir Hamed Troyanski (Stanford University)
- TALINE TER MINASSIAN (INALCO, Paris)
  The « Colporteurs » Revisited : Soviet Union and Transnational Minorities in the Middle-East, Act II
- OLEKSANDRA KUNOVSKA MONDOUX (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
  Building the Economic Relations between Poles, Ukrainians and Jews before and after WWII
- ALEKSANDAR ZIVOTIC (Department for History, Belgrade University)
  Dominance of Pramatism over Ideology. Yugoslav Muslims as a Bridge between Yugoslavia and Egypt (1952-1961)

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