FRIDAY 5 JUNE

9:00 TO 9:30 Introduction

Chaired by Dr. Ghislaine Alleaume, Director, IREMAM

Coffee Break

SESSION 1

Nationalism, State building and minority issues

10:00 TO 12:30

Discussant Pr. Lucette Valensi, Historian (EHESS)

Ali Çarkoğlu and Nazlı Çağın Bilgili

Political efficacy and sectarian minorities: Alevis in Turkish politics

Kais Firro

Nationalism and confessionalism in Syria and Lebanon: The case of Christians, Shi'is, Druze and 'Alawis

Eliz Sanasarian

Nationalism and religion in ethnic and religious identity of contemporary Iran

Lunch

14:00 TO 14:30

Michael Stausberg

Zoroastrianism in Iranian history: the changing fates of a primordial minority

Coffee Break

SESSION 2

Social interactions and cosmopolitanism

15:00 TO 18:00

Discussant Pr. Christian Bromberger, Anthropologist (Université de Provence)

Annika Rabo

Conviviality and conflict in contemporary Aleppo

Grégoire Delhaye

Majority-minority relations, foreign intervention and global politics

Nefissa Naguib

What other Jews cook: Finding Egypt in memoirs

Margit Warburg (in abstentia)

Baha'is of Iran: Prejudices, persecutions and Shi'ite self-images

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

SESSION 3

Legal societal issues

9:00 TO 12:30 with a 20' break

Discussant Dr. Bernard Botiveau, Directeur de recherches, IREMAM

Maurits Van den Boogert (in abstentia)

Divide and rule? Approaching non-Muslims in the Ottoman Empire in the 18th and 19th centuries

Bård Kårtveit

Land, law and family protection in the district of Bethlehem

Loic Le Pape

Conversion to Christianism in post war Algeria: What is at stake?

Anne Sofie Roald

Freedom of religion in the Islamist state of Sudan

Lunch

SESSION 4

Identity Politics

13:30 TO 16:00

Discussant Dr. Hamit Bozarslan, Directeur d'études, EHESS

Anh Nga Longva

From the dhimma to the capitulations: Experience and memory of protection among Christians in Lebanon

Laurence Louër

Identity politics among the Shia in Saudi Arabia

Elizabeth Picard

State-minority dynamics in the Middle East

Coffee break

Concluding session

16:30 TO 17:30

Publication