Workshop: Medicine and Knowledge in the Middle East

Organized by Seçil Yılmaz and Beth Baron

Coffee/Tea-light breakfast: 9:30-10:00 (MEMEAC space)

10:00-12:00 Questions of Knowledge and Methods in Early Modern Medicine

Nükhet Varlık (Rutgers University) “Plague Ecology in Early Modern Ottoman Empire”

Harun Küçük, (University of Pennsylvania) "Medical Empiricism in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire”

Discussant: Ahmed Ragab (Harvard University)

Lunch 12:00-1:00 (MEMEAC space)

1:00-3:15 Politics of Medical Knowledge in Colonial Context

Jennifer Derr (University of California, Santa Cruz)” The Nature of Labor: Colonial Economy, Disease, and the Question of Subjectivity in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Egypt”

Beth Baron (The Graduate Center, CUNY) “One Hundred Years of Syphilis”

Seçil Yılmaz (The Graduate Center, CUNY) “Remedy in a Bottle: Petitions, Experiments, and Medical Practice in the Late Ottoman Period”

Discussant: Robert Tignor (Princeton University) & Jennifer Johnson (Brown University)

Break 3:15-3:30

3:30-5:30 Environments of Other Wars

Chris Gratien (Yale University) “Year of the Mosquito: Displacement and Disease in the Ottoman Empire during WWI”

Graham A. Pitts (Georgetown University) “War as the Vector of Malaria in Twentieth-Century Lebanon”

Discussant: Alan Mikhail (Yale University)

5.30-6.00 Closing Remarks

Jennifer Johnson (Brown University)

RSVP to Seçil Yılmaz (syilmaz@gradcenter.cuny.edu) to confirm attendance.

Note that all workshop participants are asked to read the papers in advance of the meeting.