

International Conference

**The Contemporary Oriental City from
a Linguistic, Literary and Cultural Perspective**

Held by

**The Department of Interdisciplinary Eurasianic Research
of the Institute of Oriental Philology
Jagiellonian University**

**Venue
Krakow, Poland**

**Dates
20-22 May 2009**

COLLEGIUM NOVUM – GREAT HALL

20th May, Wednesday

9.00 – 10.30 Opening Session
Opening Addresses

Opening Lecture:

Eckart Ehlers
(Professor Emeritus, University of Bonn, Germany),
The Oriental City - a Geographical Perspective

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Panel: Genres of depiction of the Oriental city (11.00 – 13.30)

Chairperson: Lidia Sudyka (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Monika Browarczyk (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland), *Dilli abhi dur hai - The Image of Delhi in Contemporary Indian Cinema*

11.25 - 11.50

Gregory Bracken (Faculty of Architecture, TU Delft, the Netherlands), *Culture and Perception: Portrayls of Shanghai in Film and Literature*

11.50 - 12.15

Mohammad Jafar Yahaghi (Faculty of Letters & Humanities, Ferdowsi University, Mashahad, Iran), *The Concept of City in Shafīee Kadkani' s Poetry*

12.15 - 12.40

Tomasz Gacek (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Oriental city in the Middle Persian texts*

12.40 - 13.05

Marjan NematiMehr (Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran) *The Language of Urban Morphology Case Study: the old city of Yazd*

13.05 - 13.30

Marcin Michalski (Institute of Linguistics, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań Poland), *Egyptian and Bosnian Oriental Cities in the Polish translations of novels by Naguib Mahfuz and Ivo Andriæ*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

Panel: Spiritual dimensions and implications of the Oriental city and its life (15.00 – 17.05)

Chairperson: Krzysztof Kościelniak (The Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow, Poland)

15.00 - 15.25

Krzysztof Kościelniak (The Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow, Poland), *Churches of Damascus according to Ibn Asakir (d. 1176). Destruction of*

the church of St. John the Baptist by Caliph Walid II

15.25 - 15.50

Marzenna Czerniak-Drożdżewicz (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *South Indian temple cities – Kancipuram and Srirangam*

15.50 - 16.15

Emily O'Dell (Humanities Center at Harvard, Harvard University), *Tombstones for Tables: Posthumous Living in the City of the Dead*

16.15 - 16.40

Cezary Galewicz (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Asian Metropolis of past and presence: Vijayanagar - the City of Victory*

16.40 - 17.05

Ashraf Bagheri (Islamic Encyclopedia Foundation, Tehran, Iran), Fazileh Dadvar-Khani (Faculty of Geography, University of Tehran, Iran), *The Status, Function and Role of Mosque in Islamic-Oriental Cities*

17.05 – 17.30 Coffee break

Panel: The role of the Oriental city in the political and economic life of a country (17.30 – 18.45)

Chairperson: Olga Zhigalina (SIA, Moscow, Russia)

17.30 - 17.55

Olga Zhigalina (SIA, Moscow, Russia), *The City of Kermanshah as a socio-political center of the Western Iran during WWI*

17.55 - 18.20

Amir Sheikhzadegan (University of Friburg, Switzerland), *City and Ideology: Tehran before and after the Revolution of 1979*

18.20 - 18.45

Aleksander G³ogowski (Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations,

Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Islamabad - Capital of contrasts*

21th May, Thursday

9.00 – 10.30 Opening lecture and discussion

Opening Lecture:

**Michael Davie (Francois-Rabelais University, Tours, France),
*Beirut: from an 'Oriental' city to a 'Western' city, 1840-1940***

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Panel: Ethnological approaches and social structures of the Oriental city (11.00 - 13.30)

Chairperson: Eckart Ehlers (Professor Emeritus, University of Bonn, Germany)

11.00 - 11.25

Eckart Ehlers (Professor Emeritus, University of Bonn, Germany), *Kashan - city and carpet*

11.25 - 11.50

Yousef Mansourzadeh (Museology Department of Higher Education Center for Cultural Studies, Handicrafts and Tourism of Iran, Tehran), *Iranian Bazaars and its economic, political and cultural role*

11.50 - 12.15

Pavel Basharin (Russian State University for Humanity, Moscow, Russia), *Male Unions in the Urban Medieval Society in the Muslim East and its Roots*

12.15 - 12.40

Elvan Topalli (Department of Art History, Uludağ University, Turkey), *From 19th Century up to present day the Scriveners: its historical and sociological background parallel to Orientalist paintings*

12.40 - 13.05

Jamila Oueslati (Institute of Linguistics, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań,

Poland), *The status of women in the „Medina” of Tunis*

13.05 - 13.30

Oksana Tyschenko-Monastyrka (Potebnya Institute of Linguistics, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), *Urbanism and Nomadism in Crimean Tatar Folklore Tradition*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

Panel: Oriental city as a myth and symbol (15.00 -17.05)

Chairperson: Cezary Galewicz (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

15.00 - 15.25

Abbas Amanat (Yale University, New Haven, USA), *The Nave of the Domain: Abbas I (1587-1629) and Scripting Royal Isfahan as a Millennial Monument*

15.25 - 15.50

Elmira Dadvar (University of Tehran, Iran), *Isfahan „half of the world” through the itineraries, times and spaces*

15.50 - 16.15

Joanna Bocheńska (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Diyarbakir as a Kurdish story of resistance, sorrow and hope*

16.15 - 16.40

Szymon Skalski (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland), *Mental geography of Kabul*

16.40 - 17.05

Morteza Bahrani, Abolhassan Riyazi (Translation Department & Faculty Members in Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran), *Effects of the Thought of Madine-ye-Fazale on the City-building in the Islamic Orient*

17.05 - 17.30 Coffee break

Panel: Mythical space, magic and its contraries in the Oriental City (17.30-

18.45)

Chairperson: Marzenna Czerniak-Drożdżewicz (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

17.30 -17.55

Farideh Madjidi Khameneh (Anthropology Research Center of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handy Craft Organization of Iran), *An Anthropological Study of Evil Eye In Iran*

17.55 - 18.20

Sandra Wawrzyniak (Institute of Linguistics, University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznań, Poland), *Zanzibari Shetani – disappearing or growing stronger ?*

18.20 - 18.45

Faezeh Nabavi, Mahboubeh Hosseini Ziyadabadi (Islamic Azad University Neishabur Branch, Iran), *How to create a mythical space with light magic*

22nd May 2009

9.00 – 10.30 Opening lecture and discussion

Opening Lecture:

**Attilio Petruccioli (Polytechnic University of Bari, Italy),
*An urban code for the contemporary Islamic city***

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Panel: Different types of the Oriental city and its borderlines (11.00 – 13.30)

Chairperson: Laura Łykowska (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Laura Łykowska (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland), *Complementary functions of two neighbouring cities, the case of Harar and Dire Dawa (Eastern Ethiopia)*

11.25 - 11.50

Maciej Kurcz (Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology University of Silesia, Poland), *Homo Urbanus The Symptoms of Urbanism in South Sudanese Juba*

11.50 - 12.15

Iga Rutkowska (Faculty of Oriental Studies, Warsaw University), *Edo – Tokyo: what is the connection?*

12.15 - 12.40

Robert S. Miller (ZOR Foundation, Florida, USA), *America's New Oriental City Format: The Case of Winter Springs, Florida*

12.40 - 13.05

Katarzyna Javaheri (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland), *Kabul 2009*

13.05- 13.30

Maciej Polkowski (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Transplanted cities: Pakistan in London*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

Panel: Architecture and arrangement of urban space (15.00 – 16.40)

Chairperson: Attilio Petruccioli (Polytechnic University of Bari, Italy)

15.00 - 15.25

Manu Sobti (School of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), *Changing Places – Mercurial Settings: Thick Descriptions of Urban Space in Oriental City*

15.25 - 15.50

Bogdan Zemanek (Department of Middle and Far East, Institute of Regional Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *The ugliness of modern Chinese metropolis. An attempt of historical-cultural analysis*

15.50 - 16.15

Siamand Panahi (SEREJ High Educational Institute, Tabriz, Iran), *Creating cityscape*

16.15 - 16.40

Ma³gorzata Redlak (National Museum in Warsaw, Poland), *Islamic Historical Monuments in Alexandria*

Further information will be given soon after the conference by e-mail.

19.30 The closing banquet

COLLEGIUM NOVUM – SENACKA ROOM

21st May, Thursday

Panel: Oriental city - the stage of language encounters in past and presence (11.00 - 13.30)

Chairperson: Jadwiga Pstrusińska (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Tomasz Borowiak (Institute of Linguistics, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań Poland), *English-induced changes to Urban Colloquial Hindi lexicon and structure. Mixed speech as a mode of discourse*

11.25 - 11.50

Katarzyna Tuśak (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Peshawar - the city on the edge of two worlds. Historical and linguistic perspective*

11.50 - 12.15

Oleh Kshanovski (Philology Department, Kiev University, Ukraine) *The Persian Spatial and Quantitative Adjectives in the Speech of Persian, Azerbaijani and Kurdish Citizens of Modern Tehran*

12.15 - 12.40

Tork Dalalyan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography Republic of Armenia), *The terms concerning the city life borrowed from Armenian and Georgian into Ossetic during medieval period*

12.40 - 13.05

Habib Borjian (Caucasian Center for Iranian Studies, Yerevan, Armenia) *Isfahan, the Pearl of Persia: A Linguist Perspective*

13.05 - 13.30

Daryoosh Akbarzadeh (National Museum of Iran, Tehran), *The Farsjin Dialect*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

Panel: Tradition and modernity (15.00 – 16.40)

Chairperson: Michael Davie (Francois-Rabelais University, Tours, France),

15.00 - 15.25

Carlos Marmolejo (Politechnic University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain), *Transforming Singapore: from colonial port to global village*

15.25 - 15.50

Bogdan Zemanek (Department of Middle and Far East, Institute of Regional Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *The city as an exploding matter. Tradition versus modernity as a binary evaluative opposition in Japanese anime*

15.50 - 16.15

Jędrzej Greń (Department of Japanese and Korean Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw), *Japanese castle-towns – early modern urbanization and its heritage today*

16.15 - 16.40

Karolina Rakowiecka-Asgari (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *The Tehranians - towards a new self-identification*

17.05 - 17.30 Coffee break

Panel: Historical roots of the Oriental city (11.00 – 12.40)

Chairperson: Marek Jan Olbrycht (Department of Ancient History, University of Rzeszów, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Marek Jan Olbrycht (Department of Ancient History, University of Rzeszów, Poland), *Cities in the Arsacid empire (247 BC – AD 224)*

11.25 – 11.50

Giusto Traina (Department of History, University of Rouen, France), *The Ancient Armenian City: Evidence and Interpretations*

11.50 – 12.15

Brigitte Truschnegg (Institute of Ancient History and Ancient Oriental Studies, Centre of Ancient Cultures, University of Innsbruck, Austria), *Ancient Conceptions on Oriental Cities – A Focus on Reality and Utopia*

12.15 - 12.40

Marika Pirveli (University of Szczecin, Poland), *Neolithic town – etiology and definition. The history of the Oriental city*

22nd May, Friday

Panel: Multiculturalism and minorities of the Oriental city (11.00 - 12.15)

Chairperson:

11.00 - 11.25

Faruk M. Toprak (Ankara University, Turkey), *Diyarbakir as a Multi-lingual and Multi-cultural City*

11.25 - 11.50

Sema Gündüz (Department of Art History, Uludağ University, Turkey), *The Relations between the Anatolian Seljuks and the Ottoman Empire: A Look at Interactions in Amasya*

11.50 - 12.15

Funda Toprak (Selcuk University, Konya, Turkey), *Culture of immigrant Syrians in Aleppo*

Panel: Oriental and Western gardens (12.15 - 13.30)

Chairperson: Jadwiga Pstrusińska (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

12.15 - 12.40

Abolghasem Dadvar (Faculty of Arts, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran), *The features and elements of Persian gardens and the difference between Persian and Western gardens*

12.40 - 13.05

Mahboubeh Hosseini Zydabadi, Faezeh Nabavi (Islamic Azad University Neishabur Branch, Iran), *Iranian Gardens vs. English Gardens: a comparative review*

13.05 - 13.30

Ashraf Bagheri (Islamic Encyclopedia Foundation, Tehran, Iran), Fazileh Dadvar-Khani (Faculty of Geography, University of Tehran, Iran), *Gardens and Oriental cities with emphasis on Iranian Gardens*

13.30 - 15.50

Pre-organized panel: The evolution of Isfahan from the Safavids to the Qajars: Historical Corporeality, Images, Trends and Interpretations (15.50 – 17.05)

Chairperson: Heidi Walcher (SOAS, London, UK)

15.50 - 16.15

Heidi Walcher (SOAS, London, UK), *The Holy City of Isfahan: Historical Aspirations, Self Image and 21st Century Realities*

16.15 - 16.40

Mohammad Karim Mottaghi (Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization, Isfahan, Iran), *Islamic and Christian Influences on the Decoration of the Safavid Buildings in New Julfa of Isfahan*

16.40 - 17.05

Ali Reza Abtahi-Foroushani (Free University, Najafabad-Isfahan, Iran), *Inquiry into the Context of the Destruction of Safavid Buildings in Isfahan*

19.30 The closing banquet

COLLEGIUM MAIUS – KAZIMIERZ WIELKI ROOM

20th May, Wednesday

Panel: Oriental city in the eyes of Eastern and Western observers (11.00 - 12.40)

Chairperson: Paulina Lewicka (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Paulina Lewicka (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland), *Europe in Cairo, Cairo in Europe or an Eastern City in the Eyes of the West (Early Modern Period)*

11.25 - 11.50

Adam Bieniek (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Medieval Damascus in the Eyes of Medieval Arab Writers*

11.50 - 12.15

Irina Natchkebia (Department of Modern and Early Modern History of the Middle East, G. Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia), *Description of Palaces and Royal Tent According to the Information of Napoleon's Envoys in Iran (1805-1809)*

12.15 - 12.40

Arezou Azad (Oxford University, UK), *The imaged landscape of Balkh: a lost Oriental city depicted in a narrative by two inhabitants 800 years ago*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

21st May, Thursday

Panel: Personal and common space (11.00 - 12.40)

Chairperson: Manu Sobti (School of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA)

11.00 - 11.25

Bavand Behpoor (Honar University, Tehran, Iran), *Public spaces in the politics of state experience in Iranian cities*

11.25 - 11.50

Jing Zhao (Chang'an University, Xi'an, China), *The Envolvement Between Personal and Common Spaces Under Globalization: A Case Study of Xi'an Downtown*

11.50 - 12.15

Morteza Bahrani, Abolhassan Riyazi (Translation Department & Faculty Members in Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran), *The Role of Government in Spatial Organization of the City*

12.15 - 12.40

Azin Moalej (University of Toronto, Canada), *Alternative Spaces and Reconfiguration of the Public Sphere in Iran*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

22nd May, Friday

Panel: Sociological processes and cultural role of the Oriental city (11.00 – 13.05)

Chairperson: Marika Pirveli (University of Szczecin, Poland)

11.00 - 11.25

Ma³gorzata Abassy (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Tehran and Tabriz. Persian intelligentsia on the turn of the 19-th century - two faces of modernization?*

11.25 - 11.50

Farhad Roozbehi (University de Versailles, France), *Tehran – evolution of a city to being a Capital. The development and different way of urban life in the Qajar Period, 1796-1925*

11.50 - 12.15

Ali Hashemianfar (Department of Social Science, University of Isfahan, Iran), *A study of the factors effecting social urban inequalities with an emphasis on social capital in Isfahan*

12.15 - 12.40

Muhammad Farhang (Institute of Oriental Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *The Poetry Movement in Arbil in the last Quarter of 20th Century*

12.40 - 13.05

Salman Saket (Faculty of letters and humanities, Ferdowsi University, Mashhad, Iran), *The Effect of Baihaq and its Celebrities on the History and Culture of Islam and Iran*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

19.30 The closing banquet