

## Thursday, 12 April 2007

15.00 - 15.15 Karl-Heinz Kohl  
(Director Frobenius-Institute)  
*Welcome address*

### Panel I: Conceptualizing Yezidism (1)

**Chair: Allison**

15.15 - 16.15 Andreas Ackermann (Frankfurt):  
*Introductory remarks: The concept of diaspora and the case of the Yezidis*

16.15 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 - 17.45 Nelida Fuccaro (London):  
*Yazidism, minorities, nation-building: The relevance of history in the construction of Yezidi identity*

### Panel II: Yezidism at home

**Chair: Fuccaro**

17.45 - 19.00 Esra Danacioglu / Amed Gokcen  
(Istanbul): *Fieldwork among Ezidis in Viransehir (Turkey)*

19.30 Dinner

## Friday, 13 April 2007

9.15 - 10.30 Sebastian Maisel (Allendale):  
*Historical developments among the Yezidis in Syria*

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 12.00 Irene Dulz (Amman):  
*Jebel Sinjar and Sheikhan – The Yezidis in the New Iraq*

12.00 - 13.15 Mamou Othman (Erbil):  
*Ezidi traditions and the democratic process in Iraq*

13.15 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.15 Eszter Spät (Budapest):  
*Contemporary perceptions of religious oral tradition among the Yezidis of Iraqi Sheikhan*

16.15 - 16.30 Coffee break

### Panel III: Yezidism abroad: Russia and the Caucasus

**Chair: Kreyenbroek**

16.30 - 17.45 Christine Allison (Paris):  
*Yezidi memory in the Republic of Armenia*

17.45 - 19.00 Birgul Acikyildiz (Oxford):  
*Patrimony of the Yezidis: architecture and funerary sculptures in Iraqi Kurdistan, Turkey and Armenia*

19.30 Dinner

## Saturday, 14 April 2007

9.15 - 10.30 Robert Langer (Heidelberg):  
*The struggle over Yezidi/Kurdish identity in post-Soviet Armenia* (Photographs: Onnik Krikorian, Yerevan)

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 12.00 Nahro Zagros (York):  
*The process of music-making among the Ezidis in contemporary Armenia*

12.00 - 13.15 Estelle Amy de la Breteque (Paris):  
*Discourses of homeland, displacement and exile in Yezidi songs from Armenia*

13.15 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.15 Lamara Pashaeva (Tbilissi):  
*Wedding prohibitions in Ezidism*

16.15 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 - 17.45 Zourab Aloian (Oldenburg):  
*Recent developments among the Yezidi communities in Russia and the CIS*

17.45 - 19.00 Khanna Omarkhali (St. Petersburg):  
*Common Yezidi observances. Daily Yezidism from inside*

19.30 - 20.00 Yezidi Theatre  
**Teatroya Koma kene resh** (Oldenburg):  
*Ez Xeribim (I'm a Stranger)*

20.00 Dinner

## Sunday, 15 April 2007

### Panel IV: Yezidism abroad: Germany

**Chair: Maisel**

9.15 - 10.30 Sefik Tagay (Essen):  
*Impact of psychological factors on physical and mental health of the Yezidis in Germany*

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 12.00 Khalil J. Rashow (Göttingen):  
*The Yezidiyan in the diaspora*

### Panel V: Conceptualizing Yezidism (2)

**Chair: Ackermann**

12.00 - 13.15 Philip Kreyenbroek (Göttingen):  
*Concluding remarks: The future of Yezidi Studies*

13.15 - 14.00 Snack

14.00 (open end) Screening of videos, slides and photographs on Yezidism