

# Fragen nach dem Seminar

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# QUESTIONS      MAY 2010

- HOW TO MAKE A LIVING IN POLITICALLY SO UNSTABLE SITUATIONS?
- WHAT ABOUT THE DISCOURSE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC REASONS BEHIND 'WAR-AESTHETICS'? HOW DO YOUNG LEBANESE ARTISTS POSITION THEMSELVES IN RELAT. TO THIS?
- WHAT DO THE ART WORKS OF CONTEMP. BEIRUT ARTISTS LOOK LIKE?
- WHY DOES BEIRUT WANT TO BE A WESTERN CITY?
- ARE THERE ANY OTHER THEMES THAN WAR IN THE ART OF THE MIDDLE EAST?
- WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN VISITING BEIRUT AND MEETING PEOPLE?
- HOW DO WE DEAL WITH INFORMATION?

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- ARE IN BEIRUT/LEBANON WOMEN WHO GET PUBLIC ATTENTION OR ORGANISE THEMSELVES AUTONOMOUSLY? WHERE ARE THEY?
- ✗ WILL I GET LESS ACCESS TO CERTAIN PLACES/SITUATIONS AS AN EUROPEAN WOMEN?
- ✗ WHAT DO VERY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE THINK ABOUT ME AS AN ATHEIST?
- ✗ WHERE IN BEIRUT IS THE SOCIAL MELTING POINT (NO SEGREGATION OF RELIGION & SOCIAL LEVELS)?
- ✗ IS THERE A RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE CITY? IS IT REALISTIC TO STOP PRIVATIZATION?
- ✗ IS A LEBANESE IDENTITY BEING CONSTRUCTED (BY GOVERNMENT, TRAVEL INDUSTRY, MEDIA)?
- ✗ HOW DO LEBANESE PEOPLE IMAGINE THE LEBANESE FUTURE?
- ✗ WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEBANON & FRANCE LIKE THESE DAYS?
- ✗ IN WHICH STATE IS THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN?

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- HOW PRESENT IS THE FEAR OF A NEW WAR?
  - WHICH ROLE PLAYS POLITIC IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?
  - WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL SPECIFIC HOPES AND FEARS?
  - WHAT DOES DAILY LIFE MEAN TO YOU?
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- WOULD THERE STILL BE AN ARABIC/ISRAELI CONFLICT OR WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE IF THERE WEREN'T THE INVOLVEMENTS/INTERESTS OF THE WESTERN WORLD?
  - WHICH TRACES/PROBLEMS DID THE IMPERIAL ORDER/ COLONIALISM LEAVE THAT ARE STILL VISIBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?
  - ARE SOCIAL DIFFERENCES INCREASING IN C.?
  - DOES A RISE OF FUNDAMENTALISM REALLY EXIST?
  - WHAT DO YOU THINK OF EUROPEAN PEOPLE CONVERTING TO ISLAM & BECOMING FUNDAMENTALISTS?
  - WHAT DO YOU THINK OF INTERNATIONAL FUNDAMENTALISATIONS (UNRWA, RED CROSS...)?
  - WHAT DO YOU THINK OF UNO RESOLUTIONS?
  - DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE A STRONG STATE?
  - IN WHOM DO YOU TRUST?
  - WHAT WOULD THE HISTORY OF THE PAST CENTURY LOOK LIKE IF THERE WERE NO OIL RESERVES?

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- \* What does the general population of Lebanon think of the power of the Hezbollah? Does it support a disarmament of the militia?
- \* Is there ideological support for what is described as the "Palestinian cause"?
- \* Is the population of Beirut aware of the image the city is known for as a place of big contradictions?
- \* Is there a lot of discontent about the economical system in Lebanon?
- \* Do arts and entertainment discuss issues regarding political discussions about the economy without the connections to religious conflicts?
- What does the justice system look like today? Is there a strong police? What are the punishments for misdemeanors?
- What is the importance of holidays? (like banks day, 1st of may TODAY)

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