



Einladung zum Vortrag von

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Intricacies of ‘Keefek’ (“Hello, how are you?”)

Making and Maintaining Cultural Heritage in a Multi-Local Family

Montag 17.7. 14-16 Uhr Raum 315 (IAAW)

Alle Interessierten sind herzlich willkommen!

About this talk:

A first-generation American daughter to Syrian and Danish parents, I have long had a tumultuous relationship with Syria, an identity intertwined with familial, religious, cultural, and political expectations, all of which was connected through the Arabic language.

For me (and others), Arabic was not simply a connection to my Syrian background; it was associated to a politicized identity that has been entangled with negative implications (as can be seen by current discourses surrounding Syrians in the United States). It is this complexity that I aim to discuss.

Employing domestic and auto-ethnographic methods, this research attempts to deconstruct language within a multi-lingual immigrant family in America, demonstrating the complexities of language as a tool of making and maintaining cultural heritage especially within a politicized climate.