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Ibn Khaldun – Contemporary Readings

**Auditorium B, College Hall  
American University of Beirut  
9-10 May, 2008**

**Friday, May 9, 2008**

**Opening: 09:00**      Welcome speeches

**Session I, 09:30-11:30**

**Peter Burke**

*Ibn Khaldun in a Comparative Renaissance Perspective*

**Robin Osborne**

*Ibn Khaldun and Classical Historiography*

Chair: Tarif Khalidi, AUB

**Coffee Break**

**Session II, 12:00-14:00**

**Bertram Schefold**

*Ibn Khaldun's Muqqadima: A Classic Text for Historians of Economic Thought*

**Joern Ruesen**

*Ibn Khaldun's Muqadimma – Attempt of a Positioning in Universal History*

Chair: Stefan Leder, OIB

**Lunch**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008**

**Session III, Part One, 10:30-11:30**

Felicitas Schmieder

*Ibn Khaldun and the Modern Historiographical Paradigm of Frontier Society*

Chair: John Meloy, AUB

**Coffee Break**

**Session III, Part Two, 12:00-14:00**

Gerd Spittler

*The Analysis of Rural-Urban Relations: Ibn Khaldun and  
Social Anthropologists Compared*

Recep Sentürk

*Ibn Khaldun's Theory of Civilization and its Current Implications*

Chair: John Meloy, AUB

**Lunch**