

PUBLIC LECTURES STEFAN WEBER

- Geneva**
September 1995
"Ottoman Damascus of the 19th century, Art- and city development as an expression of changing times." Max-van-Berchem Foundation Grant for the "10th International Congress of Turkish Art" in Geneva.
- Köln**
October 1995
"Beirut – Geschichte, Zerstörung und Wiederaufbau einer arabischen Metropole." Volkshochschule Köln in cooperation with Dialog Orient Okzident.
- Bonn**
October 1996
"Zeugen eines Aufbruchs - Stadt und Gesellschaft im spätosmanischen Damaskus." Colloquium of Islamic Studies at the Oriental Seminary of Bonn University.
- Utrecht**
June 1997
"Damascus on its Way to Modernity. Artistic and Urban Developments in an Ottoman Provincial Capital in the 19th and early 20th Century." Seminar at the University of Utrecht: "Between Old and New: Art and Architecture as Indicators of the Process of Social Change and Modernisation in the Late Ottoman Empire."
- Damascus**
March 1998
"Zur Periodisierung osmanischer Herrschaft in Bilād aš-Šām: Osmanische Provinzarchitektur vom 16. bis ins 20. Jahrhundert." Goethe Institute / Arabicum Bochum.
- Beirut**
April 1998
"Imperial Architecture and local Design; Damascene Architecture and its Decoration in the Early Ottoman Period in Syria." 10. Conference of the ARAM-Society (Oxford): "The Early Ottoman Period in Bilad al-Sham (16th & 17th centuries): History and Archaeology."
- Bonn**
September 1998
"Wegweiser einer Stadtlandschaft; Architektur- und Stadtentwicklung des Osmanischen Damaskus im 16. und 17. Jh." Orientalistentag in Bonn.
- Damascus**
March 1999
"Der Margā-Platz in Damaskus, Die Entstehung eines modernen Stadtzentrums zur osmanischen Zeit." German Institute of Archaeology - Damascus.
- Beirut**
April / Mai 1999
"My Home is my Castle: Changes in Domestic Architecture in Late Ottoman Damascus." International Conference at the Orient Institute Beirut "Arab Provincial Capitals in the Late Ottoman Empire."
- Istanbul**
November 1999
"The Transformation of an Arab-Ottoman Institution: The Suq (Bazaar) of Damascus from the 16th to the 20th Century." International Conference by the Turkish Chamber of Architects: "7 Centuries of Ottoman Architecture - A Supra-National Heritage."
- Genoa**
Mai 2000
"Discovering History, creating Identities – The role of an historian in the protection of historical urban centres." International Seminar of the University of Genoa: "The Impact of Historical Studies on Town Design and Conservation in the Eastern Mediterranean."
- Erlangen**
July 2000
"Shaping Ottoman Damascus. Some Aspects of an Ottoman urban Landscape." Syria III-Conference: " Bilād aš-Šām: Processes of Identities and Ideologies from the 18th to the End of the Mandatory Period."
- Bamberg**
March 2001
"Veränderte Lebenswelten: Mensch, Haus und Stadt im spätosmanischen Reich am Beispiel Damaskus." Deutscher Orientalistentag in Bamberg.
- Cottbus**
March 2001
"Nahtstellen des Privaten. Mensch, Haus und öffentlicher Raum im spätosmanischen Damaskus." International Colloquium of the Brandenburgischen Technischen Universität Cottbus: "Wohnformen und Lebenswelten im interkulturellen Vergleich".
- Tours**
June 2001
"The Successful Search for a New Style: Central-hall Buildings in Damascus and their Social-Geographical Context." International Colloquium URBAMA-Tours (France): "The Architectural and Urban Heritage of the Levant".
- Genoa**
September 2001
"Public Open Space in the Eastern Mediterranean." International Seminar of the University of Genoa: "History and Design in the Mediterranean: Design Criteria for the Rehabilitation of the Historical Quarters."
- Damascus**
November 2001
"Damaskus in spätosmanischer Zeit –Stadt, Architektur und Gesellschaft im Wandel." German Institute of Archaeology - Damascus.

- San Francisco**
November 2001
"Who built this city: Buildings, Owners and their social backgrounds in late Ottoman Damascus." Middle East Studies Association of North America 35th annual meeting.
- Boston**
November 2001
"Changing Urban Environment: Residential and Public Architecture in late Ottoman Damascus." Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Harvard**
November 2001
"Architectural expressions of the Age of the A'yan: Palaces and trade buildings in the Bilad ash-Sham during the 18th Century." Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University.
- Beirut**
February 2002
"Witnesses of a Changing Urban Society: Residential and Public Architecture in late Ottoman Damascus (1864-1918)." Orient Institute Beirut.
- Beirut**
February 2002
"Architectural expressions of the Age of the A'yan; Palaces and trade buildings in the Bilad ash-Sham during the 18th Century." International workshop at the Orient Institute Beirut: "The Early Period of Ottoman Rule in Bilad al-Sham: Internal Change, Integration into the Empire, Contacts with Europe."
- Istanbul**
March 2002
"Witnesses of a Changing Urban Society: Residential and Public Architecture in late Ottoman Damascus (1864-1918)." Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul.
- Paris**
March 2002
"Back to the mountains: Palaces and castles in the Bilad ash-Sham in Ottoman times." International workshop of the Réseau de recherches en castellologie (Universités de Lyon-II, Poitiers, Paris-IV-Sorbonne): "Entre Islam et Chrétienté : l'architecture militaire méditerranéenne au Moyen Age. Réoccupations et transformations de la forteresse."
- Paris**
March 2002
"Witnesses of a Changing Urban Society: Residential and Public Architecture in late Ottoman Damascus (1864-1918)." U.F.R. d'Art et d'Archéologie of the Université de Paris-IV – Sorbonne.
- Berlin**
April 2002
"Der Anfang vom Ende: Wandel und Auflösung einer traditionellen osmanisch-syrischen Dekortechnik im 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert am Beispiel von Damaskus." International Symposium of the Museum of Islamic Art: "Das Berliner Aleppo-Zimmer."
- Bamberg**
June 2002
"Repräsentationen Lokaler Macht. Einige Beobachtungen zu Palast- und Handelsbauten in Bilad ash-Sham des 17. und 18. Jahrhunderts." Bayrisches Orientkolloquium of the University of Bamberg.
- München**
September 2002
"Repräsentationen Lokaler Macht. Einige Beobachtungen zu Palast- und Handelsbauten in Bilad ash-Sham des 17. und 18. Jahrhunderts." Freunde der Islamischen Kunst München and University of München.
- Tripoli**
December 2002
"Architecture and written sources - documentation urban heritage at the DAI and OIB (Damascus, Sayda, Tripoli)." at the international workshop "Re-evaluating Urban Heritage: Documentation, Rehabilitation and Preservation of Architecture and History."
- Tripoli**
Februar 2003
"Evolution and structures of cities in Bilad al-Sham." Workshop "Reconceptualizing Public Spheres in the Middle East and North Africa" by an international group of scholars funded by the Social Science Research Council's (SSRC) Program on the Middle East & North Africa (MENA).
- London**
April 2003
"Witnesses of a Changing Urban Society: The Transformation of Late Ottoman Residential and Public Architecture in Damascus (1864-1918)" Congress at SOAS "Islamic Art in the Nineteenth Century."
- London**
April 2003
"Cities in Ottoman Syria and Lebanon between the 16th and early 20th century." SOAS, Department of History.
- Trani**
Juli 2003
"The Spine of the Middle Eastern City. Some thoughts on the Suq (Bazaar)." ISUF, International Conference: "The Planned City?" July 3-6, 2003.
- Trani**
Juli 2003
"Changing patterns of architecture of Damascus in the Ottoman Period (1516-1918)." International Seminar „Multicultural Urban Fabric and Types in the South and Eastern Mediterranean.“ by the Politecnico di Bari – Università di Genova - Università di Palermo, July 7-8, 2003
- Amman**
October 2003
"Witnesses of a Changing Urban Society: Residential and Public Architecture in late Ottoman Damascus (1864-1918)." TURATH: Heritage Conservation Management & Environmental Design Consultants.

- Amman**
October 2003
"Architectural Expressions of the Age of the A'yan Palaces and Trade Buildings in the Bilad Al-Sham During the 18th Century", XII International Congress of Turkish Art, University of Jordan, 5 – 9 October 2003
- Beirut**
October 2003
"The Spine of the City: the origins and development of the Middle Eastern Suq." International Workshop of the Orient-Institute Beirut, the Lebanese University and the municipality of Tripoli " Documentation and Restoration in a Middle Eastern Bazaar: The Suq Haraj and its Urban environment." Tripoli, 12th to 18th of October 2003.
- Damascus**
March 2004
"Das Herz einer Stadt, Überlegungen zum Suq aus den laufenden Forschungsprojekten in Damaskus, Tripoli und Saida." German Institute of Archaeology - Damascus. أفكار حول تطور أسواق كل من دمشق - قلب المدينة وطرابلس وصيدا
- Balamand**
March 2004
"Les propriétés des musulmans et des chrétiens a Tripoli a travers les recherches architecturale et les documents des tribunaux char'i." Colloque: Les relations entre musulmans et chrétiens dans Bilad al-Cham à l'époque ottomane aux XVII^e-XIX^e siècles. Université de Balamand.
- Beirut**
March 2004
"The souks in Saida, Tripoli and Damascus, Recent historical and archaeological research", Faculte des Lettres et des sciences humaines, Le Departement d'Histoire, Université Saint-Joseph.
- Paris**
May 2004
"The Spine of the City: the origins and development of the Middle Eastern Suq." U.F.R. d'Art et d'Archéologie der Université de Paris-IV – Sorbonne.
- Beirut**
May 2004
"An agha, a house and a merchant family: urban development in 18th century Sayda in a wider framework." International Conference: Recent Research on Bilad al-Sham under Ottoman Rule (1517-1918): The last three decades of Historiography; Periodization and Patterns of Social History, General Trends; organized by the Orient-Institute Beirut (OIB) and the Institut Français du Proche Orient à Damas (IFPO).
- Saida**
September 2004
"The Historical Context of Old Saida." Forum: Adaptive re-use of historical monuments in old Saida. Organized by the Municipality of Saida and the CDR.
- Halle**
September 2004
"Das Herz einer Stadt - Überlegungen zum Suq aus den laufenden Forschungsprojekten in Damaskus, Tripoli und Saida", 29. Deutscher Orientalistentag "Barrieren - Passagen"
- Frankfurt**
October 2004
"Stadtforschungsprojekte am Deutschen Orient-Institut in Beirut." Symposium "Libanon: Archäologie und Kulturerbe - Deutsch-Libanesische Kulturprojekte" organized by the DAI, OIB, University of Frankfurt and Lebanese Ministry of Culture.
- Utrecht**
October 2004
"Reconstructing Beirut: Heritage Politics in Postwar Lebanon". Annual symposium of the Dutch Middle East Studies Association: Conservation and Reconstruction of Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World (Behoud en Herstel van Cultureel Erfgoed in de Islamitische Wereld).
- Barna / Kura**
November 2004
"History and the reading of monument – some thoughts on the approach to the built environment." International Symposium on "Lebanese Architectural Heritage and possibilities of its protection." Notre Dame University.
- Berkeley**
November 2004
"Giving History Space: Architecture as a Source for the Cultural History of Ottoman Syria and Lebanon." Centre for Middle Eastern Studies in collaboration with Architecture and Urbanism Research Colloquium. University of California Berkeley.
- San Francisco**
November 2004
"Changing Patterns – Urban Life and architecture of Tripoli during Mamluk and Ottoman rule." Middle East Studies Association of North America 38th annual meeting.
- Salt Lake City**
October 2004
"Giving History Space: Architecture as a Source for the Cultural History of Ottoman Syria and Lebanon." Middle East Centre, University of Utah.
- Bonn**
December 2004
„Der Geschichte Raum geben: Dokumentations- und Forschungsprojekte zur städtischen Architektur und Geschichte im Libanon und Syrien (Damaskus / Saida / Tripoli)“ Vortragsreihe 30 Jahre Orientalische Kunstgeschichte in Bonn "Neue Ergebnisse aus Feldforschung und Museumsarbeit."

- Beirut**
December 2004
"Port Cities and 'Desert Harbours' of the Eastern Mediterranean? A comparison of urban developments of Saida, Tripoli, Aleppo and Damascus in different stages of Ottoman rule" International conference: "Mapping Out the Eastern Mediterranean - New Approaches to the Study of Merchant Cities." organized by the Institute for Advanced Studies Berlin and the Orient Institute in Beirut.
- Istanbul**
April 2005
"The Spine of the City: the origins and development of the Middle Eastern Suq. Characteristics of urban developments with a special focus on Ottoman Damascus, Saida and Tripoli." Séminaire interdisciplinaire « Le commerce dans l'Empire Ottoman : espaces, fonctions et organisation » am Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes
- Istanbul**
April 2005
"Giving History Space: Architecture as a Source for the Cultural History of Ottoman Syria and Lebanon." Ottoman Social History, Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istanbul**
April 2005
"Constructing or rediscovering the self? Architectural urban heritage in Syria and Lebanon today" Koç Lecture at the Istanbul Archaeological Museums, following the teaching session in the Cultural Heritage Management Program of Koç University.
- Beirut**
April 2005
"Mn'ido mitl ma kan: The Question of Authenticity" City Debates 2005, Urban Heritage & The Politics of the Present, Perspectives from the Middle-East, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.
- Balamand**
May 2005
"Rebuilding the city: Damascus after Timur Lenk." International Conference: "Towards a Cultural History of Bilad al-Sham in the Mamluk Era, Prosperity or Decline, Tolerance or Persecution?", Balamand / Beirut / Tripoli, 03 - 07 May, 2005 organized by the University of Balamand and OIB.
- Erlangen**
July 2005
"Public Sphere by Public Space? The Architecture of Late Ottoman Damascus." International conference: "The Roots of Liberal Thought in the Eastern Mediterranean."
- Beirut / Tripoli**
October 2005
"Giving History Space: Architecture as a source for cultural history of Ottoman Syria and Lebanon." and "Suq al-Haraj and its restoration." Lecture series "German Archaeology in the Middle East" and official opening of Suq al-Haraj.
- Antakiya**
October 2005
"Crossroad of Cultures: Urban Architecture of Antakiya and its Arabic Background." 1st International Antakya Symposium: Urban Archaeology-Urban Conservation.
- Hamburg**
October 2005
"Mn'ido mitl ma kan: The Question of Authenticity in urban Heritage Projects in Syria and Lebanon." DAVO-Congress
- Berlin**
November 2005
„Eine Frage des guten Geschmacks: Form und Wandel städtischer Wohnhäuser im Osmanischen Syrien und Libanon.“ Museum für Islamische Kunst, Museumsinsel