

Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change – CTTC

The Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change (CTTC) aim to provide a platform to analyse the on-going changes and assess the perspectives of political transition in Egypt. Each talk will be animated by contributions from two scholars and will leave sufficient time for debate. CTTC are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient-Institut Beirut.

In the 8th CTTC Prof. Dr. Inas Abou Youssef, Associate Professor at Cairo University and PD Dr. Martha Zapata Galindo, researcher and lecturer at the Institute for Latin America Studies of Freie Universität Berlin, will discuss about:

„Transforming Gender Relations: Challenges for Theory and Society“

Research on gender issues has historically been entangled with political struggles. In Germany, women's studies emerged at the universities in the context of a political women's movement in the 1970s. The theoretical maturation of gender studies included some distance to societal impact. The institutionalization of gender studies has partly led to a de-politicization of the academic programme. In Egypt, the history of the Egyptian women's movement and the efforts of individual female activists notwithstanding, gender research remains a highly sensitive issue, as discussions about the position of women in society involve debates about modernity and tradition, social change, national independence and cultural identity. The 8th CTTC examines differences and similarities of the academic approach to gender issues and addresses the challenges of gender research in transition periods. Which kind of role does gender analysis play in current politics and society? How does gender theory change by travelling across borders? How does the on-going transformation process in Egypt affect academic research on sensitive topics like gender issues?

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The discussion will be chaired by **Prof. Dr. Margreth Lünenborg**, Professor of Journalism Studies and Program Director of the Center for the Promotion of Women's and Gender Studies at Freie Universität Berlin.

Venue: DAAD premises, 11 Saleh Ayoub, Zamalek, Cairo.

Saturday, 1 December 2012, 7 pm

