This workshop intends to contribute to ongoing debates on the conditions and effects of academic mobility. It aims in particular to address the specific link between scholarly mobility and knowledge production in the social sciences and humanities, on career paths and on research themes, with a regional focus on Africa and the Middle East. Goals of the workshop are to discuss and if possible develop theories of academic mobility; to explore the role of individual and institutional networks on scholarly mobilities and scientific diaspora formations, and to identify how research and knowledge production is being reshaped by new movements of postgraduate students and forms of institutional isomorphism.

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PROGRAMME

15 JUNE // Orient-Institut Beirut

16.00 – 17.30  Introduction to the workshop
Daniele Cantini, Lama Kabbaji
Stefan Leder (OIB)

18.00 – 19.45  Keynote ACADEMIC MOBILITIES AND RELATIONAL THINKING
Parvati Raghuram, the Open University, London
Followed by a reception in the garden of the Orient-Institut

16 JUNE // Orient-Institut Beirut

09.30 – 12.30  Panel POSTCOLONIAL LEGACIES
DISCUSSANT: LAMA KABBANJI
09.30 – 10.15  Empire of Scholars: tracing academic networks and mobilities in the British empire.
Tamson Pietsch, Technology University, Sydney (skype)

10.15 – 11.30  A critical review of the academic formation in graduate and undergraduate studies:
The Institute of Social Sciences (1990–2011)
Lebanese University
Haifa Aawoda, Lebanese University

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.45 – 12.30  Mobility, Education, and the Making of a Modern ‘Alim
Abdifatah Shafat, University of Bayreuth

12.30 – 14.00  Buffet lunch, OIB garden

14.00 – 16.00  Panel RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING
DISCUSSANT: DANIELE CANTINI
14.00 – 15.00  Individual presentations (15 minutes each)
Issam Khoury, Arab Council for the Social Sciences
Ferdinand Moyi Okwaro, University of Oslo (skype)
Marlene Nasr, Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies
Jean-Alain Goudiaby, CODESRIA

15.00 – 16.00  Discussion

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee break

16.30 – 18.45  Panel SCHOLARLY MOBILITY
DISCUSSANT: PARVATI RAGHURAM
Francoise Blum, CNRS

17.15 – 18.00  The Malian elites in search of America: International student migrations and incompletion of social reproduction at stake
Kevin Mary, University of Perpignan

18.00 – 18.45  Empire and the affective politics of doctoral student mobility
David Mills, University of Oxford

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