

## COMMON HERITAGE AND COMMON CHALLENGES




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### Dynamics of Cultural Impact: Arab and German Cultural Heritage of Zanzibar

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKING GROUP MEETING

The history of the Apfelstrudel cannot be told without taking a look at the history of cultural exchange and trade between Zanzibar and Germany in the 19th century. But then, neither without acknowledging Zanzibar's very long Arab merchant tradition since the 7th century. Zanzibar became an overseas territory of the Sultanate of Oman in the 16th century, in 1832 the royal court of Sultan Sayyid Said was even moved from Muscat to Zanzibar.

The conference 'Dynamics of Cultural Impact: Arab and German Cultural Heritage of Zanzibar' explored contemporary and interdisciplinary aspects of Cultural Impact, Cultural Memory and Cultural Heritage from a general perspective as well as a comparative historical perspective on the "case study" of the cultural entanglements of Zanzibar, Oman, and Germany.

The conference tackled the following questions:

Which are the ways, forms, and consequences of colonial Arab and German cultural impact on Zanzibar? How did Arabs and Germans shape local cultural identity on Zanzibar? What was their impact on language and literature, art and architecture, music and dance, cinema and theatre, food and cuisine, dress and fashion of Zanzibar? How did

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## PROGRAM

### **2 August 2017**

Panel 1: Cultural Memory and Cultural Impact

With a Keynote by Prof. Dr. Ramzi Baalbaki, American University of Beirut, on *The Present Status of the Arabic Language and Its Future Prospects*

Further Inputs by Prof. Dr. Carola Richter, Dr. Norman Domeier, Dr. Henda Mahmoudi, Prof. Dr. Oliver Korn, and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Sakhrieh.

### **3 August 2017**

Excursion to cultural heritage sites of “The Land of the Frankincense”

### **4 August 2017**

Panel 2: Dynamics of Cultural Impact: Arab and German Cultural Heritage of Zanzibar

With presentations by Prof. Dr. Ammar Abdulrahman, Dr. Kirill Dmitriev, Prof. Dr. Nawar Al-Hassan Golley, Prof. Dr. Bilal Orfali, and M.A. Ayman Jalloul

### **5 August 2017**

Working Group Meeting *Common Heritage and Common Challenges*

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## DATE AND VENUE OF THE PROJECT

1 - 6 August 2017

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