

## **Special Workshop Fieldwork Skills**

## **Conducting Expert and Biographical Interviews**

**Location:** Auditorium, Notre Dame University-Louaizé, Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon

Date: Tuesday January 19, 2010 Time: 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Deadline: Monday January 11, 2010 @ 2:00pm (First come first serve)

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Mohamed Kamel Doraï is a researcher at the CNRS (the French National Centre for Scientific Research) currently based at the French Institute for the Near East in Damascus (IFPO) and visiting researcher at MIGRINTER, University of Poitiers (France). His work focuses mainly on asylum and refugees in the Middle East, new migrations and geopolitical reorganisation in the Middle East, and migration and transnational practices within the Palestinian Diaspora. Dr. Doraï is currently conducting research on the Iraqis in Syria as well as on the urbanization process of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. He is conducting fieldwork in Lebanon, Syria, Sweden and Jordan since 1996 on different refugee groups, collecting biographies, migration trajectories, and urban mobility. The comparative study between refugees residing in and out of camps as well as the analysis of their migratory experience and spatial practices provide an account of the refugees' socio-spatial dynamics in exile and of relations between the camp and their urban environment.

**Description:** 

The objective of this workshop is to introduce the participants to a) primary skills in administering field work questionnaires and conducting interviews and biographies; b) essential knowledge of ethics in fieldwork; and c) fundamentals to making contacts and setting up the interview, choosing the location of the interview, establishing scope and time period for the interview, engaging the interviewee, recording the interview, and remedying incomplete or irrelevant answers. The workshop will give examples on how to conduct interviews and administer questionnaires on sensitive topics.

Language: The workshop will be conducted in English

Program: Registration 8:30-9:00

Session I 9:00-10:30

 Lunch
 10:30-11:00

 Session II
 11:00-12:30

 Coffee Break
 12:30-1:30

 Session III
 1:00-2:00

 Distribution of Certificates
 2:00-2:30

Certificate: Certificate of Participation will be given at the end of the workshop

Registration: Reserve your place and pay the registration fee of \$25 dollars by

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