The First Symposium
Citizenship After Orientalism

European Research Council (ERC) funded OECUMENE Project, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Open University

invites you to participate in

The Workshop Series

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Workshop 1: Sexual democracy, imperialism and cultural translation.
Leticia Sabsay  l.i.sabsay@open.ac.uk
This workshop addresses the re-articulation and contestation of orientalist and colonial mentalities in current sexual politics across different geo-political sites.

Workshop 2: Performance and political subjectivity.
Deena Dajani  d.s.m.dajani@open.ac.uk
Crossing different disciplines, this workshop explores ways of thinking about performances as spaces and forms where political subjectivities are created and reproduced.

Workshop 3: Local instances, global claims: acts of writing and social movements.
Alessandra Marino  a.marino@open.ac.uk
What is the role of writing in shaping and dismantling travelling images of citizenship? Can writing be a tool for engaging, mobilising people and enhancing social struggles? This workshop explores the (im)possible relations between writing and social movements.

Workshop 4: Religious organisations and their political articulation of citizenship.
Aya Ikegame  a.ikegame@open.ac.uk
Inviting people working on religious organisations in different parts of world, this workshop questions if and how these organisations provide a means to articulate the political subjectivity of their followers and constituents.

Workshop 5: Subjects of migration: citizenship, law and orientalism.
Iker Barbero  i.b.gonzalez@open.ac.uk
This workshop discusses whether contemporary immigration policies of selective control and the denial of migrants’ political subjectivity are vestiges of orientalism or even a new model of governance.

Although attendance to the workshops is mainly by invitation, there will be a limited number of places available. If you wish to attend, you should send a brief CV (max. 2 pages) and a statement of interest including a brief description of your current research no later than 12th September 2011 to each workshop convener. Applicants will receive a notification of acceptance by e-mail by 9th October 2011.