Cosmopolitanism at Work: Migration and Urban Integration in Late Ottoman Jeddah

This paper reflects on how we might be able to imagine the workings of cosmopolitanism in a historical context where documentation is somewhat scarce. It asks how the Red Sea port of Jeddah, home to a very ethnically mixed population adhering to different Islamic sects, managed to integrate not only the heterogeneous resident population but also tens- and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who passed through each year, spending weeks, months and sometimes years before returning to their homelands.

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