

A HISTORY OF Jeddah

The Gate to Mecca in the
Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

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Known as the 'Gate to Mecca' or 'Bride of the Red Sea', Jeddah has been a gateway for pilgrims travelling to Mecca and Medina and a station for international trade routes between the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean for centuries. In conversation with DAFG Board Member Wolf R. Schwippert, Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag presents her critically acclaimed biography of the city under the title *A History of Jeddah – The Gate to Mecca in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). Seen from the perspective of its diverse population, the study traces its urban history and cosmopolitanism from the late Ottoman period to its present-day claim to multiculturalism, within the conservative environment of the Arabian Peninsula.



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