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WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2017

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

CONFERENCE OPENING

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9:15 AM – 11:00 AM

PANEL: AKP RULE

Chair: Kumru F. Toktamış (Pratt Institute)

Social Sciences at Critical Crossroads: Re-thinking Scholarship in Times of Upheaval – Serdar Değirmencioglu (American University in Cairo)

Nations Dissolving: Populism, Nationalism and Emotional Disintegration in Erdogan's 'New Turkey' – Sinem Adar (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen) and Gülay Türkmen-Derivoğlu (University of Goettingen)

From dominant party heresthetics strategy to a single party hegemony: Text analyses of the constitutional debate in Turkey – Berna Öney (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg)

Surviving deep disagreements: The responsibility of media in overcoming Turkey's intensifying political polarization – Mehmet Ali Üzelgün (ArgLab – Institute of Philosophy, New University of Lisbon)

Politics of the past, politics of the future: governing youth in Turkey – Ayça Alemdaroğlu (Northwestern University)

Redefinition of state apparatuses: AKP's formal-informal networks in the online realm – Dağhan Irak (University of Strasbourg) and Ahmet Erdi Öztürk (University of Strasbourg)



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11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

PANEL: DEMOCRATISATION/DE-DEMOCRATISATION TRENDS

Chair: Dağhan Irak (University of Strasbourg)

Turkey's democratization and de-democratization processes – Carmen Rodríguez López (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Rising Tide of Neoliberal Authoritarianism and Conservative Populism in Turkey – Cemil Boyraz (Istanbul Bilgi University)

Identity, Power and Leadership: The Rise of AKP's Conservative Authoritarianism in Turkey – Çağlar Ezikoğlu (Aberystwyth University)

Elections in Turkey. Chasing After the "Cat" – Adam Szymanski (University of Warsaw) and Jakub Wódka (Polish Academy of Sciences)

June/November 2015 Elections and People's Democratic Party: An Opportunity Loss for Moderation and Democratization – Ödül Celep (Işık University)

The Presidentialization of Turkish Politics – Marién Durán Cenit (University of Granada, Spain)

2:15 – 4:00 PM

PANEL: ISSUES OF SECULARISM/RELIGION

Chair: Isabel David (University of Lisbon)

Turkey's Exceptionalism narrative. Secularism and Islam – Irena Pandeva (University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje)

The Identity Cards Debate as a Mirror to Religion, Society and State Relationships in Turkey: What has changed under AKP rule? – Anna Maria Beylunioğlu (European University Institute)

Promises of Property: The Vakıf and the AKP's Ambiguous Attitudes towards Religious Minorities – Christopher Sheklian (University of Chicago)

Minority in Action: Armenians during Gezi Protests – Gevorg Petrosyan (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia)

In the Service of Power: The Organisational Structure and Financial Operations of the Gülen Movement – Simon P. Watmough (European University Institute) and Ahmet Erdi Öztürk (University of Strasbourg)



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4:15 – 6:00 PM

PANEL: PROTEST POLITICS AND THE NEGOTIATION OF PUBLIC SPACE

Chair: Ahu Karasulu (Yıldız Technical University)

Protest Politics in Turkey: Concept and Problems – Ahmet Murat Aytaç (University of Ankara)

In Search of Lost Agency: Remembering Gezi Movement and Imagining the Future – Deniz Günce Demirhisar (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, CADIS/CNRS-EHESS)

Changing political dynamics in Turkey from Gezi to post-coup state of emergency: the consequences of collective action and increasing authoritarianism – Özden Melis Uluğ (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) and Yasemin Gülsüm Acar (Özyeğin University)

Transformative power of public space as artistic venue. Examples of Occupy Movement and Gezi Park Manifestations in Turkey – Sezen Tonguz (GECAPA-CLEPUL) Via Skype

Negotiating citizenship through public space and the limits to it – Gözde Pelivan (University of Amsterdam)

Revising the Tradition and Culture of Political Protest in Turkey after Gezi Park Resistance: Radical Imagination, Affirmative Resistance and the New Politics of Desire and Dignity – Zafer Yılmaz (Ankara University)

THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2017

9:15 AM – 11:00 AM

PANEL: THE COUP AND ITS AFTERMATH (I)

Chair: Kumru F. Toktamış (Pratt Institute)

Turkey's State of Emergency and Crisis of Law – Ayşegül Kars Kaynar (European University of Lefke) (cannot attend)

Is Erdoğan's (post-coup) Turkey suffering from Civilizational Incompetence? – Tiago Ferreira Lopes (Institute of Business and Administration, Karachi)

A New Nation, a New Regime: Re-constructing the Nation and the State in the Aftermath of the Failed Coup in Turkey – Ayşe Sargin (University of Essex)

The Coup Attempt and its Aftermath in Turkey: Human Rights Implications of the State of Emergency Measures – Emre Turkut (Ghent University)



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The rhetorical construction of “democracy” in post-coup Turkey – Laura Bastos (University of Coimbra)

11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

PANEL: THE COUP AND ITS AFTERMATH (II)

Chair: Fatma Müge Göçek (University of Michigan)

Nationalistic narratives before and after the coup attempt – Lea Nocera (University of Naples L’Orientale)

New Hegemonic Discourse in Turkey in Post-July 15 Period: Dominance and Ideology – Marc Saurina Lucini (University Carlos III of Madrid)

Transition from Democracy to Authoritarianism: A Chronicle of AKP’s Counter Coup Against Media – Murat Akser (University of Ulster)

Yeni Türkiye: Towards the Construction of a New Historical Narrative – Nikos Christofis (University of Crete)

FaceTiming the Nation: Art of mobilizing citizens in the age of Fiber Optics – Yağmur Karakaya (University of Minnesota)

2:15 – 4:00 PM

PANEL: TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY I

Chair: Kumru F. Toktamış

“Neo-Ottomanism” in the Serbian and Bosnian Nation-Building – Ana Devic (University of Jena)

Persuading through culture, values and ideas. The case of Turkey’s cultural diplomacy – Federico Donelli (University of Genoa)

The logic of action and AKP Foreign Policy discourse: Exceptionalism and exclusivism at work – Kostas Ifantis (Kadir Has University and Panteion University of Athens) and Ahmet Han (Kadir Has University)

Brand Geopolitics: Turkish Airlines and the Geopolitical Representations of Turkey – Lerna K. Yanık (Kadir Has University)

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PANEL: TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY II

Chair: Lerna K. Yanık (Kadir Has University)

Turkey and the Gulf States Before and After the Arab Spring – Marian Karagyzov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

Democracy Promotion in Turkish Foreign Policy: Motives and Practices – Merve Çalimli (Istanbul Bilgi University and University of Bologna)

Is Turkey Rising as a New Power since 2002? – Özgür Tüfekçi (Karadeniz Technical University)

To be or not to be in the Battle for Mosul: Revival of Turkish Activism in the Middle East? – Selim Öterbülül (Ege University, Izmir)

FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2017

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

PANEL: KURDISH POLITICS I

Chair: Isabel David (University of Lisbon)

Social Psychological Examination of the Intergroup Relations in Turkey in the Context of Flag-Lowering Incidence – Nagihan Taşdemir (Anadolu University)

Crafting the Self in the Shadow of the Turkish State: The Formation of Yurtsever Subjecthood in the 1990s – Delal Aydın (Binghamton University, New York)

Artistic Expression at Times of Peace and War: The Case of Turkey's Kurds, from 2009 to Present – Duygu Atlas (Tel Aviv University)

Title to be confirmed – Ahu Karasulu (Yıldız Technical University)

An Unlikely Theorist: Murray Bookchin and the PKK – Umair Muhammad (York University, Canada)

The Republican People's Party (CHP) and the Kurdish Question: What is New in the "New CHP"? – Özlem Gölgelioğlu Klujs (Middle East Technical University)

09:45 AM – 11:30 AM

PANEL: KURDISH POLITICS II

Chair: Kumru F. Toktamış (Pratt Institute)



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Democratic Life Politics: The 2012 Kurdish Political Prisoners' Hunger Strike in Turkey – Amy Bartholomew (Carleton University)

Thinking Solidarity and Resistance through the Home Space: Diyarbakır-Suriçi Case – İclal Ayşe Küçükırca (Mardin Artuklu University) (cannot attend)

Instrumentalization of the Peace Process and the Image of the HDP in the Turkish Media – Başar Şirin (Freie Universität Berlin)

Kurdish Politics in the North: the HDPs pathway after June 2015 Election – Seevan Saeed (University of Exeter)

The effects of Kobane in the reconfiguration of the popular geopolitical codes of Turkey's Kurdish movement – Alejandro Ciordia Morandeira (University of Trento)

The Limits of an “Open mind:” State violence, Turkification, and Complicity in the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict – Beja Protner (Sabanci University)

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

PANEL: KURDISH POLITICS III

Chair: Ahu Karasulu (Yıldız Technical University)

Trajectories of Violence from the Ottoman Empire to Contemporary Turkey through the Vantage Point of the Armenians and Kurds” – Fatma Müge Göçek (University of Michigan)

The Kurdish Issue and Construction of Polity and Politics in Turkey – Cuma Çiçek (Mardin Artuklu University) (cannot attend)

Can national and religious identities increase support for reconciliation in the Turkish-Kurdish armed conflict? – Gülseli Baysu (Kadir Has University), Canan Coşkan (Kemerburgaz University) and Yasin Duman (Sabancı University)

Title to be confirmed – Kumru F. Toktamis (Pratt Institute)

2:40 – 4:00 PM

PANEL: ISSUES OF MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

Chair: Amy Bartholomew (Carleton University)

Rhetorically entrapped no more: Turkey, the EU and the migration issue – Natalie Martin (Nottingham Trent University)



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Syrian refugees in Turkey, the response of the state and the humanitarian agencies – Mafalda Revés (IMPR Humanitarian – Protection Officer)

The 15 July Coup Attempt: An Intimate Relation Between the Turkish State and Syrian Refugees – Pinar Şenoğuz (University of Göttingen)

EU-Turkey Agreement on Refugees: impact on accession and Human Rights – André Pereira de Matos (Portucalense University)

4:15 – 6:00 PM

PANEL: NEOLIBERALISM AND STATE (RE)-FORMATION

Chair: Amy Bartholomew (Carleton University)

The Geopolitical Economy of ‘New Turkey’: State Re-formation, Financialized Capitalism and the World Order – Can Cemgil (Istanbul Bilgi University)

The Making of the Construction Boom in Turkey: State, Capital and Hegemony during the AKP Era (2002-2016) – Melih Yeşilbağ (Binghamton University, New York)

The condition of the working class and the left-wing opposition in Turkey under AKP rule: From Gezi to coup attempt, or from hope into the abyss? - Canberk Koçak (Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon) and Ezgi Cengiz (UMassAmherst)

Political Party Leaders’ Discourse of Democracy in Turkey – Ülkü Doğanay (Ankara University)



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