



Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Citizenship in Contemporary Turkey

Centre for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity
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Programme

Friday, May 25

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 – 09.30 Welcome Addresses
Jürgen Mackert (University of Potsdam)
Norbert Gronau (Vice Dean of Faculty)
- 9.30 – 10.10 Introduction
Bryan S. Turner (ACU / University of Potsdam)
“Turkey” in Western Social and Political Thought

State of Exception, Security Policies and Transformation of the Rule of Law

Chair: Gregor Fitzl (University of Potsdam)

- 10.15 – 11.00 Zafer Yılmaz (University of Potsdam)
The Permanent Crisis of Turkish Democracy: Authoritarianism, Security Policies, and Weak Citizenship Regime
- 11.05 – 11.55 Kerem Altıparmak (Ankara University)
Can International Human Rights Mechanisms Effectively Respond to Countries where Rule of Law no longer Works: The Case of Turkey
- 12.00 – 12.45 Muzaffer Kaya (TU Berlin)
The Struggle against Authoritarianism in Turkey: Potentials and Limitations

12.50 – 13.40 Lunch /Coffee

Politics of Recognition and Decline of Democratic Politics

Chair: Jürgen Mackert (University of Potsdam)

- 13.45 – 14.30 Bülent Küçük, Boğaziçi (Boğaziçi University)
Remaking the State: the 15th July Coup and the Formation of a new Corporate Regime in Turkey

14.35 – 15.20 Cemil Boyraz (Bilgi University)
Mapping the Alevi Question in Turkey: Limits of Religious Pluralism and Equal Citizenship

15.25 – 16.10 Esra Özyürek (LSE) / Seckin Sertedmir Özdemir (LSE)
Politics of Public Memory and Political Emotions in Turkey

16.15 – 16.40 Coffee

16.45 – 17.30 Senem Aydin Düzgit (Sabanci University)
Promoter or an Obstacle? The EU's Role in the Trajectory of Turkish Democracy in the post-1999 Period

17.35 – 18.20 Isabel David (University of Lisbon) /Gabriela Anouck Corte-Real Pinto (University of Manchester)
Escaping authoritarian Turkey? Dual Citizenship and the “Return” of Turkish Sephardic Jews to Portugal since 2015

Dinner for Participants

Saturday, May 26

Restrictions on Citizenship Rights and the Suppression of Public Space

Chair: Zafer Yilmaz (University of Potsdam)

9.30 – 10.15 İlkey Yılmaz (Leibniz-Zentrum, Moderner Orient, Berlin)
Marked Citizens: Passport Practices in Turkey after 15 July

10.20 – 11.05 Kumru Toktamis (Pratt Institute, NYC)
(Re)Entrenchments: Specter of the Former Ally and (Im)possibility of Peace

11.10 – 11.40 Coffee

11.45 – 12.30 Berna Zengin Aslan (Ozyegin University)
Turkish Secularism, the State and Alevis in Turkey

12.35 – 13.20 Ulaş Şener (University of Potsdam)
Accumulation and Regulation in the Age of New Authoritarianism: The Case of Turkey and the AKP

13.25 – 14.10 Kerem Öktem (University of Graz)
Conspiracy Theories and Nation-building in the New Turkey

Conclusion

14.20 – 15.00 Zafer Yilmaz / Jürgen Mackert (University of Potsdam)