Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Citizenship in Contemporary Turkey

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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 Fitzi (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 Altiparmak (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 Tukey: 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 İlkay 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)