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Workshop & Panel

What does Decolonizing Kurdish Studies mean?



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Decolonizing Kurdish Studies Initiative Workshops

10 AM-12 PM EST

Decolonizing Methodologies and Praxes 1

Chair: **Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale University

Sevgi Arslan, University of Toronto

"Kurdish Standpoint: On the Multiple Areas of Resistance"

Discussants: Nilay Özok-Gündoğan, Florida State University & Necla Acik, The University of Manchester

Anna Rebrii, Binghamton University

"Solidarity Research and Decolonizing Knowledge Production with the Kurdish and Zapatista Movements"

Discussants: Jonathan Wyrzten, Yale University & Ruken Isik, University of Maryland Baltimore County

India Ledeganck, Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve

"Epistemological and Methodological Reflections in Relation to Fieldwork: Engagement and Fragmented Spaces in North-Eastern Syria"

Discussants: Mehmet Kurt, Yale University & Özgür Çiçek, Freie Universität Berlin

Ronay Bakan, Johns Hopkins University

"Situating Colonialism in its Place: Post-Conflict Urban Governance in Surici"

Discussants: Bülent Küçük, Boğaziçi University & Hüseyin Arkin Raşit, Ritsumeikan University

Hazal Dolek, University of Sheffield

"Affective Witnessing Through the Field: Free Schools as Decolonial Praxis"

Discussants: Yavuz Aykan, Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne) & Emrah Karakuş, University of Arizona

Hazal Hürman, Princeton University

"Rethinking Coloniality and Imagining Decolonization with Kurdish Youth in Turkey"

Discussants: Michiel Leezenberg, University of Amsterdam & Demet Arpacik, The City University of New York

1 PM-3 PM EST

Decolonizing Methodologies and Praxes 2

Chair: **Mehmet Kurt**, Yale University

Hadis Jaahani, Universität Heidelberg

"Who is Yâresân; Orientalism, Ethnography, and the Question of Self and 'Other'"

Discussants: Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies & Kamal Soleimani, El Colegio de Mexico

Kamran Matin, University of Sussex

"Deprovincializing Decolonisation: The Kurds and the Limits of Postcolonialism"

Discussants: Mucahit Bilici, City University of New York (CUNY) & Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University

Dastan Jasim, German Institute for Global and Area Studies

"Reporting on Kurdistan: A Critical Examination on Western Post-2014 Fieldwork in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and the Autonomous Administration of North-East Syria"

Discussants: Isabel Käser, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) & Ahmad Mohammadpour, University of Massachusetts

Ozlem Goner, City University of New York (CUNY)

"Towards an Engagement with the Revolutionary Political Thought in Kurdish Movements: Sakine Cansiz"

Discussants: Stanley Thangaraj, City College of New York & Elif Genc, The New School for Social Research

Haydar Darici, American University

"The Law of Tribe in Times of War"

Discussants: Deniz Duruiz, Northwestern University & Özlem Belçim Galip, University of Oxford

Public Panel

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3:30 PM-5 PM EST

Open to Public

Chair: **Nadje Al-Ali**, Brown University

Panelists:

Shahrazad Mojab, University of Toronto, Canada

Hamit Bozarslan, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, France

Nilay Özok-Gündoğan, Florida State University

Mehmet Kurt, Yale University