Workshop & Panel

What does Decolonizing Kurdish Studies mean?

Friday, June 11, 2021
Brown University and Yale University
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 Kıcık, 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 Yāresān; 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 Mohommadpour, 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:
Shahrzad 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