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WARZONES
as
DISPLACEMENT
in the
MIDDLE EAST
THE KURDISH CASE

Friday, November 9, 2018
Watson Joukowsky Forum
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Roundtable:
Warzone Scholarship
and the Global Public



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Brown University Department of History
Brown University Department of Anthropology

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JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

9:15 a.m.

opening remarks

Shahzad Bashir | Brown University

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

panel 1: displacement in the middle east

We want to tackle the question of what happens before displacement and how forced migration appears as an option in the first place. What and who is left behind is the next related issue through the following questions: How do tangible and intangible borders operate? How does discrimination create the conditions of displacement? How are lives sustained under continuous conflict?

Onur Gunay | Princeton University

"Drugs, Crime, Sex, and Sufis:

The Ethics and Politics of Everyday Life in Kurdish Istanbul"

Wendy Hamelink | Oslo University, Norway

"Displacement and War in the Lives of Syrian Kurdish Women:

Gendered Narratives, Motives, and Moralities"

Thomas Schmidinger | University of Vienna, Austria

"The World Forgot About Us and Europe Doesn't Want Us:

The Situation of Yazidi, Christian, and Babawat Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees from Sinjar After the Genocide of 2014"

Discussant: Lisa di Carlo | Brown University

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

lunch for speakers and invited guests

Kim Koo Library

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

panel 2: people in the warzones

When is displacement over? How do various steps of relocation occur? How are transit paths crossed? How do conditions of warzone travel with the displaced? Last but not least, how does displacement transform the socio-economic and political landscapes of the migration destinations? How do we rethink displacement in a way not confined to physical conditions? What happens to displaced emotions?

Nisa Göksel | Lund University, Sweden

"Thinking Displacement: Kurdish Women and Political Agency in Europe"

Delal Aydin | Binghamton University

"The 1990s as a Struggle over Life and Death"

Zeynep Gönen | Framingham University

"Displacement, Racism and Criminalization: The Case of Kurdish Youth in Izmir"

Discussant: Ohannes Kilicdagi | Harvard University

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

roundtable: warzone scholarship and the global public

What does scholarly engagement with such warzones really entail? How do we articulate the ways in which scholarship engages with the issue of displacement? How does engagement create 'risks' for scholars?

Hamit Bozarslan | ENS, France

"Middle East: a Forty-Years War?"

Nazan Bedirhanoglu | Wellesley College

"Global Exile of the Academy:

Displacement of the Kurdish Displacement Studies"

7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

dinner for speakers and invited guests

Brown Faculty Club