

Mobility, Activism and Politics

Public Lecture Series by Einstein Fellows Research Group at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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16.10.2019

What is Transformative Protest?

Christian Volk | Freie Universität Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- É. Balibar. *Demokratie durch Widerstand: Der Staatsbürger als Rebell*. 2013
- H. Marcuse. *The Problem of Violence and Radical Opposition*. 2005

Short Biography: Christian Volk is a Professor of Political Science, with a special focus on political theory and law at Otto-Suhr-Institute of Free University of Berlin and principal investigator of the ERC Starting Grant “Protest and Order. Democratic theory, contentious politics, and the changing shape of western democracies.” His research interests include democratic and constitutional theory, critical theory, state theory, transnationalization, and social and political protest movements. He is the author of the book *Arendtian Constitutionalism: Law, Politics, and the Order of Freedom* (2015). Some of his recent articles have appeared in *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Journal of International Political Theory*; *Leiden Journal of International Law*; *Constellations*; *Philosophy and Social Criticism*; *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*; and *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*.

23.10.2019

Populist Trajectory: From Representation to Incarnation

Ertuğ Tombuş | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- A. Arato. *Political Theology and Populism*. 2013, P. 143-172
- A. Koen, S. Rummens, *Populism versus Democracy*, *Political Studies*, Vol. 55. 2007, P. 405– 424

Short Biography: Ertuğ Tombuş holds a Ph.D. in political science from Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. He is a Research Fellow at the Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and the academic coordinator of *Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies Program*. Before joining Humboldt, he taught at Columbia University, The New School for Liberal Arts, Eugene Lang College, Western Connecticut State University, State University of New York and Izmir University of Economics. He is the managing editor of *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. He was a visiting research fellow at Northwestern University and Yale University and he earned MPhil in Sociology from the New School for Social Research, MSc and BSc in Political Science from Middle East Technical University. His primary research and teaching areas are political theory,

theories of constitution-making, comparative constitutionalism, populism, secularism, political sociology and Turkish politics.

30.10.2019

Is Rule of Law Incompatible with Authoritarianism?

Zeynep Kivılcım | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- T. Moustafa. *The Politics of Domination: Law and Resistance in Authoritarian States. The Struggle for Constitutional Power: Law, Politics, and Economic Development in Egypt.* 2007, P. 19-56

Short Biography: Zeynep Kivılcım is an Einstein fellow at the Department of Social Sciences of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She is an associate professor of public international law. She got her MA and Ph.D. degrees from Université Paris II and she taught gender and law, critical approaches to public international law and international human rights law at Istanbul University until October 2016. Her work and research deal critically with the politics of legality with a gender perspective. In Germany, she taught and researched affiliation with different universities and academic institutions including Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, University of Osnabrück, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Berlin Institute for Advanced Studies (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin).

06.11.2019

The Last Decade of Civil-Military Relations in Turkey under the Shadow of Courts

Ayşegül Kars Kaynar | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- Y. Gürsoy. *Turkish Public Opinion on the Coup Allegations: Implications for Democratization.* 2015

Short Biography: Ayşegül Kars Kaynar is an Einstein fellow at the Department of Social Sciences of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She got her Ph.D. degree from the Political Science Department of Middle East Technical University. She has been a researcher in New School for Social Research, and a visiting fellow at Hamburg University, TürkeiEuropaZentrum. Her research interests involve contemporary Turkish politics, legal studies, and civil-military relations. In 2015, her dissertation was awarded by the Turkish Social Scientists Association in the “Young Social Scientists Contest”; and in May 2017, her article titled “Law in Neo-liberal Era and an Introduction to Neo-formal Law” was awarded honorable mention in Halit Çelenk Law Awards.

13.11.2019

The Rise of the Post-democratic State: The Perspective from India

Arjun Appadurai | New York University, Hertie School Berlin

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Short Biography: Arjun Appadurai is Goddard Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University and Professor of Anthropology and Globalisation at the Hertie School in Berlin. He serves as Honorary Professor in the Department of Media and Communication, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Tata Chair Professor at The Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai and as a Senior Research Partner at the Max-Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. He was previously Senior Advisor for Global Initiatives at The New School in New York City, where he also held a Distinguished Professorship as the John Dewey Distinguished Professor in the Social Sciences.

20.11.2019

Rethinking Political Attitudes of Migrants from Turkey: Neither "Loyalty" nor "Democratic Culture"

Sinem Adar | Former Einstein Fellow. Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik CATS/ Türkei

Recommended Literature: S. Adar. *Rethinking Political Attitudes of Migrants from Turkey and Their Germany-Born Children.* 2019

Short Biography: Sinem Adar is a former Einstein Fellow at HU and currently affiliated to SWP Berlin. She has received a Ph.D. degree (2014) in Sociology from Brown University and an MSc degree (2005) in Development Studies from the London School of Economics. Dr. Adar's research examines struggles over the parameters of inclusion into and exclusion from the political community, and how they shape and are shaped by identification processes. In her dissertation, she has analyzed the emigration of non-Muslims from the once religiously heterogeneous cities of Istanbul and Alexandria while religion became a crucial category in the making of the Turkish and Egyptian national communities. Her work based on this re-search has so far appeared at various outlets such as the Political Power and Social Theory and Sociological Forum. She also writes op-ed pieces that have so far appeared at Jadaliyya, Open Democracy and ReSet Doc.

27.11.2019

Freedom of the Media in Turkey: Some Thoughts on Censorship and Self-Censorship

Gülçin Balamir Çoşkun | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- S. Waldman, E. Caliskan. *Power, Patronage, and Press Freedom.* 2019
- A Freedom House Special Report. *Democracy in Crisis: Corruption, Media, and Power in Turkey.* 2014

Short Biography: Gülçin Balamir Çoşkun is an Einstein fellow at the Department of Social Sciences of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She received her undergraduate degree from Galatasaray University and MA degree from University Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne. Gülçin Balamir Çoşkun obtained her PhD degree from International Relations Program at Istanbul University. Her research focuses on authoritarianism,

democratic theory, political violence and refugee crisis. Her last article with Aslı Yılmaz Uçar on local responses to the Syrian refugee movement has been recently published in *Movements - Journal for Critical Migration and Border Regime Studies*. She actually works as Einstein Fellow at the Institut for Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

04.12.2019

Neo-liberalization of Space through Authoritarian Urban Policy

Tuba İnal-Çekiç | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- I.D. Karatepe. *The state, Islamists, discourses, and bourgeoisie: construction industry in Turkey*. 2016, P. 46–62.

Short Biography: Tuba İnal-Çekiç is an Einstein fellow at the Department of Social Sciences of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Dr. İnal-Çekiç got her PhD degree from Urban and Regional Planning Department of Yıldız Technical University. She has been a visiting fellow in Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in 2013 and 2016 at Institut für Genossenschaftswesen. She worked in HCU-Hamburg between September-2017 and November-2018 in the research team of Cities4People focusing on participation in mobility related projects which was funded by Horizon 2020. Her research interests are focused on urban movements and urban commons from a participatory planning perspective. Her last article titled 'Resilience of Urban Systems in the Context of Urban Transformation: Lessons from Beykoz–Istanbul' is recently published in 'Resilience and Urban Disasters', Edward Elgar Publishing.

11.12.2019

Friends and Foes: The Encounters of the Opposition from Turkey in German Diaspora

Nil Mutluer | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- G. Yurdakul. *Islam, Conflict, and Integration-Turkish Religious Associations in Germany*, 2009
- N. Mutluer. *Diyanet's Role in Building the 'Yeni (New) Milli' in the AKP Era*. European Journal of Turkish Studies. 2018, P. 27

Short Biography: Nil Mutluer (PhD, Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest) is an Einstein Senior Scholar (2019) in the Diversity and Social Conflict Department at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany. She was the Head of the Sociology Department at Nişantaşı University in Istanbul until the University Administration fired her from this position in 2016 as she signed the Peace Petition titled "We Will Not Be Party to this Crime". The same year, she was awarded a Philipp Schwartz Fellowship at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2016-2018). In the summer term of 2018, she was an interim professor of Public Law and Gender Studies at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She has published extensively in the areas of gender, ethnic and religious diversity, nationalism, memory, migration and Turkish politics.

18.12.2019

New Migration from Turkey: Affective Mobilities, Affinities and Politics

Özlem Savaş | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- A. Cvetkovich. *Depression a public feeling*. 2012
- Ö. Savaş. *Affective Digital Media of New Migration From Turkey Feelings, Affinities, and Politics*. 2019

Short Biography: Dr. Özlem Savaş is an Einstein fellow at the Berlin Institute for Empirical Re-search on Integration and Migration (BIM), at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She received her Dr.Phil degree from the University of Applied Arts Vienna, with the dissertation titled “Taste Diaspora: The Aesthetic and Material Practice of Belonging.” She worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and Design at Bilkent University and held re-search fellowship positions at The Brandenburg Center for Media Studies (ZeM) and the University of Konstanz. Her research interests include digital culture, migration and diaspora, everyday life, affective politics, and ethnography. Previously, she carried out an ethnographic research project on everyday practices of self and lifestyle on social media. She has published on diasporic aesthetics and politics of the everyday, visual culture in political Islam, and affective citizenship practices on social media.

08.01.2019

Gendered Border Politics

Latife Akyüz | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- N. Yuval-Davis. *Theorizing Gender and Nation*. 1997, P. 1-25

Short Biography: Latife Akyüz received her PhD from Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara in 2013. She has held positions as a visiting scholar at Indiana University (2010), Binghamton University (2011–12) and the Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, Liege University (2014). Her research interests are border regions, ethnicity, and gender studies, with her most recent work focusing on migrant Alevi women living in Europe. She held the position of Assistant Professor at Duzce University from March 2014 until 2016, when she, like many other Academics for Peace, were dismissed from their jobs. Many Academics for Peace continue to be under criminal investigation, jailed, and banned from leaving the country as part of the current President's campaign to silence critical voices in Turkey. As a result, Dr. Akyuz was forced to flee Turkey and started to work as Philipp Schwartz Fellow at Goethe University. Currently, she works as Einstein Fellow at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

15.01.2020

Migration, Crisis and Solidarity:Challenging Territorial Enclosures through Civil Society Activisms

Serhat Karakayalı | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature: tba

Short Biography: Dr. Serhat Karakayalı is a sociologist and researcher at the Berlin Institute for Empirical Research on Integration and Migration (BIM), Humboldt University. He recently has conducted research on volunteers and refugee support groups in Germany and Europe, on the role of migrant activism in the context of German trade unions and on political attitudes of migrants in transnational spaces. Recent publication: „The social space of Autonomy. Constructing Scopes of Solidarity”, Special Issue South Atlantic Quarterly, 2017.

22.01.2020

Queer Resistance and Spaces of Hope: Politics of Gender, Sexuality and beyond in Turkey

Begüm Başdaş | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- A. Zengin. *Violent Intimacies*. 2016

Short Biography: Begüm Başdaş is an Einstein fellow at the Berlin Institute for Empirical Re-search on Integration and Migration (BIM), at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She received her PhD in Geography from the University of California Los Angeles (2007) and her MA in Art History from the University of California Riverside (2001). Her BA was in Sociology at Boğaziçi University, Turkey. She also worked full-time as a human rights defender at Amnesty Inter-national Turkey for six years. Begüm's current research titled "Masculinities on the Move: Spatial Politics of Solidarity and Care Among Refugees in Germany and Greece" focuses on human rights, gender, sexuality, and migration. She explores how Afghan refugee men through their everyday spatial practices build relations of care and solidarity in Berlin and Lesbos island. Begüm Başdaş is currently a researcher as a part of the Einstein Fellows group at Humboldt University in Berlin.

29.01.2020

Challenging Turkey's Regime Transformation Moments of Insurgent Citizenship from Gezi Uprising to June 24 Local Election

Zafer Yılmaz |Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- Z. Yılmaz, B. Turner. *Turkey's deepening authoritarianism and the fall of electoral democracy*. 2019
- Z. Yılmaz. *Revising the Culture of Political Protest: after the Gezi Uprising in Turkey: Radical Imagination, Affirmative Resistance, and the New Politics of Desire and Dignity*. 2018

Short Biography: Zafer Yılmaz is a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Potsdam University. He is affiliated at both the *Centre for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity* and the Chair of Sociology at the University of Potsdam. He works currently on the rise of authoritarianism, transformation of the rule of law and citizenship in Turkey. He has recently published a book on the AKP and Turkish politics, with a title, *Yeni Türkiye'nin Ruhü: Hınç, Tahakküm, Muhtaçlaştırma -*

The Spirit of New Turkey: Resentment, Domination and Destitution, İletişim Yayınları, September-2018 (In Turkish). His latest publications include “The genesis of the ‘Exceptional’ Republic: the permanency of the political crisis and the constitution of legal emergency power in Turkey”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 46:5, 714-734, (2019); “Revising the Culture of Political Protest in Turkey after the Gezi Uprising: Radical Imagination, Affirmative Resistance and the New Politics of Desire/Dignity” *Mediterranean Quarterly, Special Issue: Erdogan and the Transformation of the Turkey*, Vol. 29, Issue, 3, September (2018); “The AKP and the Spirit of the ‘New’ Turkey: Imagined Victim, Reactionary Mood, and Resentful Sovereign,” *Turkish Studies* (2017).

05.02.2019

Filmmaking on the Move: Changing Narratives, Aesthetics, and Mediums in Turkey

Özgür Çiçek | Former Einstein Fellow, Cinopoetics Freie Universität Berlin

Recommended Literature:

- N. Hamid. *An accented cinema: exilic and diasporic filmmaking*. 2001, P. 3-39.

Short Biography: Özgür Çiçek is a former Einstein Fellow at HU. Now she is a Cinopoetics (Center for Advanced Film Studies) Fellow at FU. She is a film scholar and expert on transnational Kurdish cinema. Dr. Çiçek received her Ph.D. from Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture program at Binghamton University, New York. She was a visiting scholar at Brandenburg Centre for Media studies (ZeM), and Luigi Einaudi Chair Scholar at the European Studies Institute of Cornell University. Her research interests include national/transnational cinemas, 'minor' cinemas, migrant cinemas, memory studies, and documentary filmmaking. For her current project, she examines the motivations and dynamics behind Kurdish filmmaking in Germany.

12.02.2020

Goodbye Tocqueville? Christianity and Democracy in Trump's America

Philip Gorski | Yale University

Recommended Literature: tba

Short Biography: tba

