

Call for Papers

Politics of Emotions in Turkey and Its Connected Geographies

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In Turkey politics is often emotional and emotions are highly politicized. However, a closer look at public and political expressions of emotions shows that distinctive emotions show salience at different decades and under different political projects. In other words, emotions are historically, politically, and socially situated. Passionately felt as well as despised emotions are closely connected to micro and macro developments people find themselves in.

This symposium aims to have a closer look at the politics of emotions and affect from an interdisciplinary perspective. It seeks to inquire the emotional and affective aspects of the political, social, economic, religious, and artistic fields in Turkey and its connected geographies. We especially want to explore the often invisible but highly effective hierarchies that are created among emotions themselves: which emotions are sanctioned or even actively cultivated and when? Which emotions are rendered inappropriate or unacceptable and for whom?

Among others, we are curious to explore the trajectories of the following emotions: ***fear, pride, hope, love, guilt, denial, resentment, anger, suspicion, belonging, compassion, empathy, humiliation, respect, and trust.***

Speakers

The following speakers have confirmed their participation:

Dr. Bilgin Ayata, University of Basel

Prof. Carel Bertram, San Francisco State University
Dr. Elise Massicard, Sciences Po

Dr. Yael Navaro, Cambridge University

Dr. Esra Ozyurek, London School of Economics

Dr. Ayse Parla, Sabanci University/Princeton University

Applications

Junior scholars are especially encouraged to apply. Those presenting at the symposium will be partly reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses. Scholars whose rights to travel are taken away from them will be able to join via Skype.

Applications must include:

- A 250 word abstract of your research paper which includes your research topic and an explicit research question; a specification of the theoretical approach and methodical design involved; a summary of the key findings of the paper;
- a up-to-date CV of max. 2 pages;
- and an additional list of publications.

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2017. Please send your application and any questions you may have by email to euroinst.turkish.studies@lse.ac.uk. All applicants will receive a notice of receipt by email by July 31, 2017.

Full papers

Full papers have to be written in English language and must include:

- A cover page indicating the title, author's name and degree, and contact information;
- a short abstract of max. 250 words preceding the paper.
- Papers should not exceed 15 pages (2 cm margin, 1.5 cell spacing, 12pt Times New Roman).

Complete papers must be submitted by September 30, 2017. Please note that the final acceptance can only be guaranteed after the submission of the full papers by the deadline.

We will seek to compile the best presentations in a special issue on the topic to be published in a high impact journal.

This symposium is being co-organised by the London School of Economics, Contemporary Turkish Studies and the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST).

CEST convenes annual high-quality academic events that seek to make a major impact in the field of Turkish Studies in Europe, create new ways of engaging with the study of Turkey, and make this field more accessible to the debates in the social sciences. CEST is committed to the study of modern Turkey by bringing together the expertise of leading European research institutions: Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, London School of Economics, Cambridge University, SciencesPo, Stockholm University, Universität Hamburg, University of Oxford, and Network Turkey.

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