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# New Perspectives on Social and Economic History of Modern Turkey

Third Workshop of the DFG-Research Network Contemporary History of  
Turkey

June 22-24, 2023

Universität Duisburg-Essen | Glaspavillon

In cooperation with the Department of East European History

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

## PROGRAM

Thursday, June 22, 2023

### 09:15 –09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Berna Pekesen (Essen)

09:30 –12:30

### Panel 1. Social History of Migrant Organizations in Western Europe

Chair: Berna Pekesen (Essen)

09:30– 09:55

Caner Tekin (Bochum): Social History to explain Migrant Trade Unionism in West Germany

09:55– 10:20

Hüseyin Çiçek (Vienna): Navigating Diversity: Islam Law, Islamic Religious Community, and Alevites in Austria

10:20–10:35

### Coffee Break

10:35–11:00

Elisabeth Kimmerle (Potsdam): Turkish Women's Associations in West Germany (1975-1990). Migrant Self-Organizing and Gender from a Social History Perspective

11:00–11:15

Comment: Cengiz Günay (Vienna)

11:15– 12:15

Discussion

12:15

### Lunch Break

13:30 – 16:30

### Panel 2. Actors and Institutions in Social Developments

Chair: Kerem Öktem (Venice)

13:30–13:55

Svenja Huck (Berlin): The threat of a political union - the confederation of progressive trade unions of Turkey DISK

13:55–14:20

Barış Alp Özden (Essen): Paths of working-class formation in contemporary Turkey

14:20–14:40

### Coffee Break

14:40– 15:05

Ismet Akça (Istanbul): Social history of the military interventions in Turkey

15:05–15:15

Comment: Nikos Christofis (Xi'an – via zoom)

15:15–16:30

General discussion

18:30

### Dinner

## Friday, June 23, 2023

- 09:30–12:30 **Panel 3. Poverty and Welfare Policies**  
Chair: Alp Yenen (Leiden)
- 09:30–09:55 Büşra Hanusrichter (Bochum): The State of Need and the Experiences of Poverty in Turkey
- 09:55–10:20 Léa Delmaire (Paris/Istanbul): "If I had money, would I be sick?"  
Tuberculosis, poverty, and social classes in 1950s-1960s Turkey
- 10:20–10:40 **Coffee Break**
- 10:40–11:05 Ceren Deniz (Halle): Immediate Struggles - in the formation of Çorum's industry between 1960s to 2000s: A Culture of partnership or necessity and livelihood?
- 11:05–11:15 Comment: Jenny B. White (Stockholm)
- 11:15–12:30 General Discussion
- 12:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30–16:00 **Panel 4. Social Developments and Political Participation**  
Chair: Sevil Çakır (Göttingen)
- 13:30–13:55 Sedat Ulugana (Berlin): DP döneminde Kürt aşiretlerinin ekonomik dönüşümü (in Turkish)
- 13:55–14:20 Nilay Özok-Gündoğan (Florida): Beyond a "usable past": An Agenda for a Contemporary History of Kurds and Kurdistan (via zoom)
- 14:20–14:40 **Coffee Break**
- 14:40–15:05 Samim Akgönül / Kerem Görkem Arslan (Strasbourg): Why the ancient becomes "modern"? Contemporary "story" of Tengrism in Turkey (via zoom)
- 15:05–15:15 Comment: Christoph Ramm (Bern)
- 15:15–16:00 General discussion
- 16:30–18:15 **Network session (intern) – Outcomings and Perspectives**
- 19:00 **Farewell Dinner**
- 22:00 End of Workshop

## Venues of the meeting

⇒ The venue of the Hotel “Motel One Essen” is Kennedyplatz 3, 45127 Essen

<https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/essen/hotel-essen/>

⇒ The venue of the workshop (May, 22-24) is the University Campus in Essen, building “Glaspavillon R12”

