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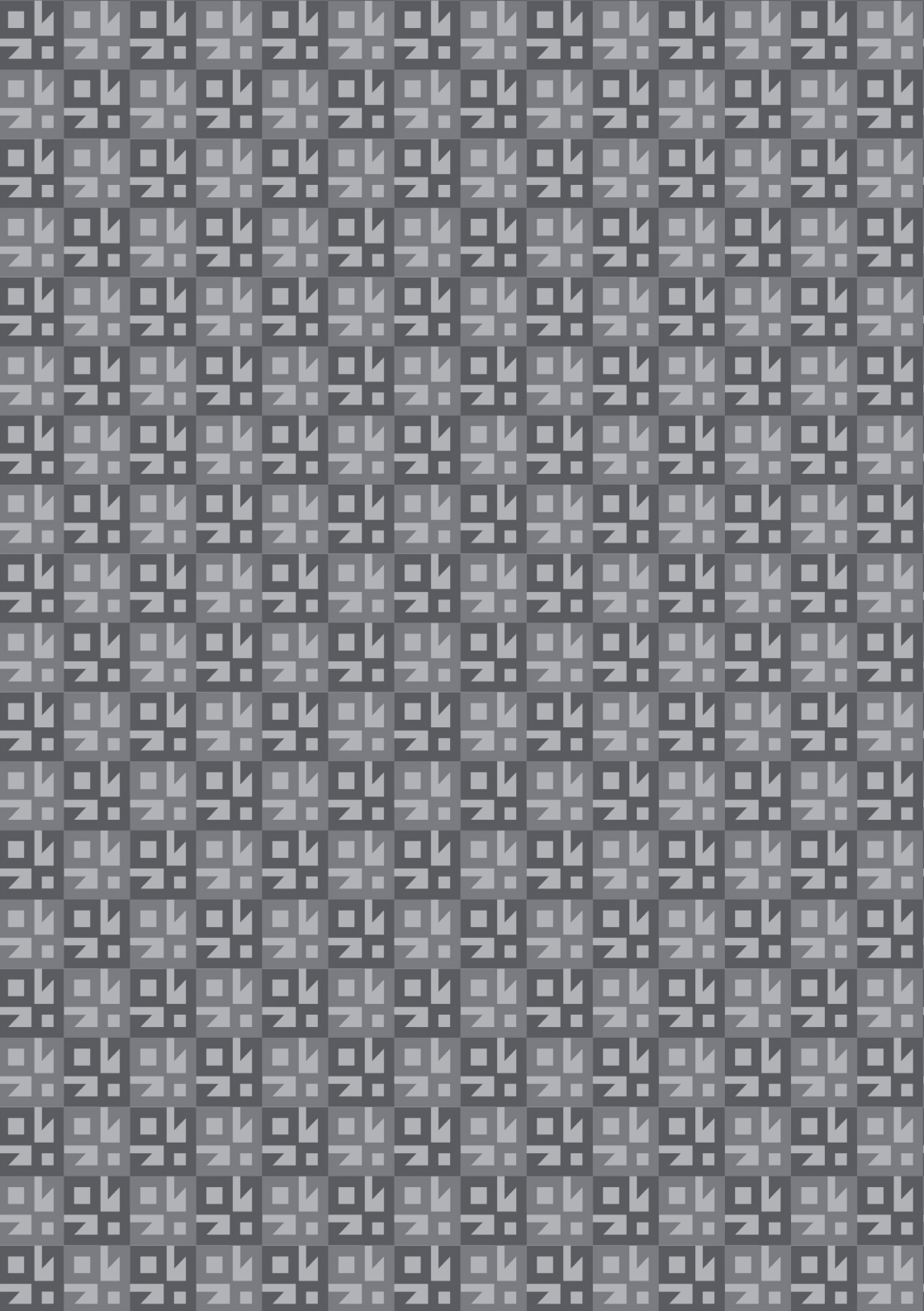
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Turkish Week at LSE

100 Years of the Republic

6 to 10 March 2023







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Our thoughts are with the people in
Türkiye and Syria impacted by the tragic
earthquakes in February.

We stand together in solidarity during
this time of mourning.

Welcome



The position of Professor in Contemporary Turkish Studies in the European Institute at LSE was created in 2006. Its first post-holder was the economic historian Şevket Pamuk. Following Şevket's departure in 2013, the Chair was held by the anthropologist Esra Özyürek. Esra took up a new position in the Divinity School at Cambridge University in 2020, and in 2021 the post was taken by the political scientist Yaprak Gürsoy.

As this range of disciplinary specialisations indicates, the Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies is not tied to just one field of the social sciences. What is most important is that they have an outstanding international reputation in their field, with expertise and research interests encompassing Turkey and Europe. This means that the postholder is expected to conduct and publish outstanding research that creates opportunities for policy impact.

But that is not all. They are also be expected to advance the public understanding of contemporary Turkey and its relationship to the rest of Europe. It is not a Chair in the Ivory Tower but a vital bridge between academia and the wider public, both in Europe and in Turkey. In its short history the Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies has been an addition to the European Institute that has been fruitful and fascinating. Long may it continue to be so.

Simon Glendinning

**Professor of European Philosophy
and Head of the European Institute**



The foundation of the Turkish Republic on 29 October 1923 is one of the most significant events that shaped European politics after the First World War. The Republic marked the settling of new borders and an end to a century of wars leading to the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire. It also signified the beginnings of global resistance to European colonisation, the ideals of republicanism and nation-building, and aspirations of modernisation and recognition from international powers. 100 years later, for many, 1923 symbolises resilience, dignity and hope, while pain, conflict and demographic upheavals are also remembered.

As the Turkish Republic continues to be in a geopolitical region grappling with wars, mass migratory movements, natural disasters, the aftereffects of a pandemic and global economic and political crises, we commemorate the perseverance of the founders of the Republic, inspired by their visions of reformism and progressiveness.

We planned the Turkish Week event series to feature discussions of Türkiye's past and future in politics, international relations, education, science and culture, in the foundational spirits of self-reflection and cooperation. Following the news of the devastating earthquakes in early February, we have decided to continue our programme with the belief that we need to come together and remember our past and contemporary sorrows. We hope that taking stock of the 100 years of the Turkish Republic will contain important lessons about how we can rebuild our cities, lives and communities in this difficult time of mourning.



Yaprak Gürsoy
Professor of European Politics and Chair
of Contemporary Turkish Studies

Workshop

Inclusive Higher Education in the Age of Transnationalism

Monday 6 March 2023, 10am-6pm (GMT)

Tuesday 7 March 2023, 10.30am-12.15pm (GMT)

Venue: Vera Anstey Room, Old Building  

Co-organised by the European Institute of Istanbul Bilgi University

This two-day workshop will concentrate on the issue of inclusive higher education with a particular focus on transnational students, including refugees.

The event will bring together academics and practitioners to provide a platform where the participants can share their research and experiences. The discussions will also consider various models of intercultural higher education built in collaboration with local governments, businesses and NGOs.



Speakers:

Akile Ahmet, Dr, Head of Inclusive Education, Eden Centre for Educational Enhancement and International Inequalities Institute, LSE

Muhammad Al Mahameed, Assistant Professor, Department of Operations Management, Copenhagen Business School

Kenan Çayır, Professor, Department of Sociology, Istanbul Bilgi University

Begüm Dereli, Dr, Project Officer, The European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

Nick Gill, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Exeter

Mehmet Nuri Gültekin, Professor, Department of Sociology, Gaziantep University

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Seminar

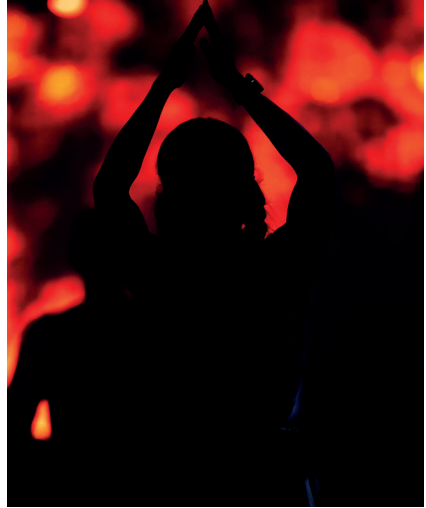
Nativist and Islamist Radicalism in Europe: Anger and Anxiety

Tuesday 7 March 2023,
12.45-2pm (GMT)

Venue: PAR.LG.03, Parish Hall



Co-organised by the Europe@LSE Seminar Series



This talk aims to challenge the scholarship that has so far studied European youth in ethno-culturally, and religio-politically divided separate clusters, such as “migrant-origin” and “native” youths. Taking radicalism as a possible quest for further democratisation, the talk argues that European youth respond differently to the challenges posed by contemporary flows of globalisation, and socio-economic, political, spatial and psychological forms of exclusion, deprivation and humiliation.

Speaker:

Ayhan Kaya is Professor of Politics and Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism at the Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University; Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence; and a member of the Science Academy, Turkey. He is currently a European Research Council Advanced Grant holder (ERC AdG, 2019-2024).

Discussant:

Katerina Dalacoura is Associate Professor in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr Dalacoura’s work has centered on the intersection of Islamism and international human rights norms. Her latest research focuses on the role of culture and civilization in International Relations.

Lecture

Turkey and the West: Mutually Suspicious Perceptions in Film and Television

Tuesday 7 March 2023,
6.30-8pm (GMT)

Venue: MAR.2.08,

The Marshall Building



There have now been more than 150 popular Hollywood films that presented Turkey and the Turks as imagined in an Orientalist manner. After more than sixty years of participating in Western democracy, having established a liberal market economy and enjoying a functioning multi-party democratic political system, the image of Turkey in Hollywood is still emphatically Eastern, lustful, and barbaric. Against this background, the Turkish cinema's depiction of the westerner has been one that is cowardly clumsy enemy. This talk will look at the discourse of Orientalism and Occidentalism in Turkish and Hollywood cinemas and how they feed upon and reflect each other.

Speaker:

Murat Akser is Lecturer in Screen Production in the School of Communication and Media, Ulster University. Previously he served as an Associate Professor of Cinema and Media Studies, the Chair of the New Media Department, and the Founding Director of the Cinema and Television MA program at Kadir Has University Istanbul, Turkey.

Chair:

Federica Bicchi is Associate Professor of International Relations at LSE. Dr Bicchi's current research focuses on contemporary trends in European diplomacy, especially in relation to the digitalisation of diplomacy and developments in European foreign policy cooperation. Her theoretical perspective contributes to the "practice turn" in International Relations.

Panel

100 years of the Republic of Türkiye: Changing Ideas of Modernity

Wednesday 8 March 2023,
6.30-8pm; reception 8-9pm (GMT)

Venue: Auditorium, Centre Building



Hosted by Contemporary Turkish Studies and the European Institute Part of the LSE Public Lecture Programme



This panel will appraise 100 years of the Turkish Republic, taking stock of changing ideas of modernity, progress and Westernisation. Since 1923 the notion of progress toward something distinctively better than the past has united generations and different political groups. The panel will assess transformations in society, foreign policy, literature and politics while providing an overview of the history of the Turkish Republic.

Speakers:

Faruk Birtek is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Boğaziçi University. His main areas of interest include political and historical sociology, modernity and citizenship.

Şahnaz Yılmaz is Professor of International Relations at Koç University. She also serves as the Dean of College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, and the Director of Graduate School of Business.

Laurent Mignon is Professor of Turkish Literature at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St Antony's College.

Yaprak Gürsoy is Professor of European Politics and Chair of Contemporary Turkish Studies, LSE

Chair:

Jonathan Hopkin is Professor of Comparative Politics in the European Institute and Department of Government at LSE.

Forum

Celebrating Women in Science and Technology

Thursday 9 March 2023,
6.30-8pm; reception 8-9pm (GMT)

Venue: Thai Theatre,
New Academic Building



Hosted by Contemporary Turkish Studies
and the European Institute

This forum will present the achievements of prominent female researchers from Turkey and how they have contributed to science and technology in the UK. Coming from different disciplinary backgrounds, the participants will share their experiences in building their careers. The forum will address the challenges young female academics from non-UK backgrounds face and provide life lessons for the next generation of inspiring scientists.

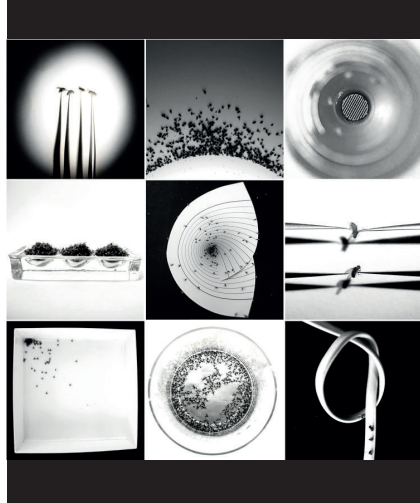
Participants:

Dr Melis Duyar is Senior Lecturer in the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at the University of Surrey.

Dr Özge Eyice is Senior Lecturer in Molecular Microbial Ecology at the Queen Mary University of London.

Dr Zeynep Kalender Atak is Senior Scientist in Oncology R&D at AstraZeneca.

Dr Zeynep Okray is a Postdoctoral Research Scientist, at the Centre for Neural Circuits and Behaviour, University of Oxford.



Professor Pinar Özcan is Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Said Business School, University of Oxford, and the Director of the Oxford Future of Finance and Technology (Fintech) Initiative.

Professor Emine Yılmaz is a Professor, a Turing and an ELLIS Fellow at University College London, Department of Computer Science. She is also an Amazon Scholar for Amazon.


Chair:

Yaprak Gürsoy is Professor of European Politics and Chair of Contemporary Turkish Studies, LSE

Photography Exhibition

Empowered Girls, Empowered Futures

Thursday 9 March 2023,
6.30-9pm (GMT)

Venue: Lower Ground Floor,
New Academic Building 

In Collaboration with the Aydın Dođan Foundation



This photo exhibition celebrates the achievements of young female scientists, musicians, artists and athletes from every corner of Anatolia, Trkiye.

Curated and sponsored by the Aydın Dođan Foundation, photographed by Mustafa Seven and interviewed by Melis Alphan, the exhibition tells the stories of girls aged between 13 and 22, who have accomplished extraordinary successes despite their underprivileged backgrounds.

Concert

Lara Melda

Friday 10 March 2023

Concert: 6.30-7.30pm (GMT)

Reception: 7.30-9pm (GMT)

Venue: Shaw Library, Old Building



Lara Melda won the BBC Young Musician 2010 competition, performing Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No. 2 in the final round with Vasily Petrenko and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in Cardiff. Since 2010, she has become a regular artist on BBC Radio 3, performed at the BBC Proms in the Royal Albert Hall, travelled the world performing concertos with renowned orchestras and giving recitals in many countries including the Laeiszhalle in Hamburg (Germany), Les Sommets Musicaux in Gstaad (Switzerland), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival (Germany), Auditorium San Mattia Ai Crociferi in Palermo (Italy), to name but a few.

In 2012 she received the prestigious "Promising Young Artist" award from Kadir Has University and in 2015 was voted the "Woman of the Year Arts Award" by Elele-Avon and the Turkish public. Lara returned to Turkey in May 2019 to perform Schumann's Piano Concerto with the Cumhurbaşkanlığı Senfoni Orkestrası in Ankara.

The concert programme will include:

Beethoven

Sonata No.17 in D minor 'The Tempest',
Op. 31 No. 2
Largo: Allegro
Adagio
Allegretto

Liszt

Étude in D flat major, S. 144 No. 3 "Un Sospiro"

Chopin

Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Op. 58
Allegro maestoso
Scherzo, Molto vivace
Largo
Finale. Presto, non tanto

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LSE Campus

- **Auditorium (CBG)**
Lower ground floor, Centre Building
- The Marshall Building (MAR)**
44 Lincoln's Inn Fields
- Thai Theatre, New Academic Building (NAB)**
54 Lincoln's Inn Fields
This building will be renamed in early 2023.
- Vera Anstey Room and Shaw Library (OLD)**
Houghton St, Old Building
- Parish Hall (PAR)**
Portugal St

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