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Talking Colors in Turkey and Beyond

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In cooperation with the Competence Area IV "Cultures and Societies in Transition" of the University of Cologne

Location: University of Cologne, Main Building, Neuer Senatssaal, Albertus-Magnus-Platz 1, 50923 Köln, N 50°55.692', E 006°55.741'

Friday, June 2

Starting at 13.00

Get-Together with coffee and cookies

13:30 Welcome and general introduction (B. Hendrich, M. Pelican & M. Şahinol)

Panel 1: (Early) Discourses – From Ottoman Orientalism to Enlightened Racism

14:00 'Black Turks', 'White Turks' and the desire to be recognized as a 'civilized' nation
– The Ottoman and Turkish civilizing mission (C. Ramm, Bern)

14:45 Interlinked fronts of race and color in Turkey: History, representation, situation (M. Ergin, Istanbul)

Coffee Break 15.30-16.00



16:00 Africans in the literature of two early modern Turkish writers (B. Sagaster, Nicosia)

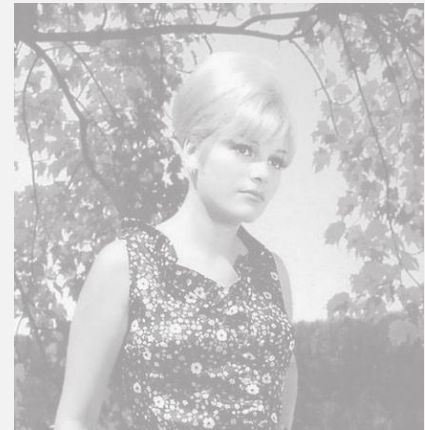
16:45 Who belongs to the new community? Social in- and exclusions in the Marxist concept of community in the 'Kadro-ian' İnkılâp (1932-1934/35) (S. Wolfgarten, Bonn)

17:30-17:50 ,Black Turks, White Turks—Identity discourses in Turkish media (A. Steffny, Köln)

17:50 Time for a short wrap-up

Dinner 19.30

Saturday, June 3



Panel 2: Blackness, Whiteness, Europeanness?

9:30 Constructing 'Europeanness' in the early Republic: discussions on civilization, language, history, and race in Turkish literature and beyond" (P. Kucera, Hamburg)

10:15 Eurocentric and racist elements in the project of Turkish Nationalism: constructing networks of power through knowledge (I. Xypolia, Aberdeen)

11:00 EU perceptions on main cleavages in Turkey (F. Tekin, Köln)

Coffee Break 11:45-12:00

Panel 3: Blackness, Whiteness, and Migration

12:00 Being black in China: Perspectives of African migrants (M. Pelican, Köln)

12:45 Multiple marginalizations. Nusairis/Alawis as 'Gastarbeiter' and refugees in Germany (E. Tümkaya, Köln)

Lunch 13:30-14:30

Panel 4: African/Afro-Consciousness

14:30 Afro Cypriots: Awareness Acknowledgement Acceptance (S. Kanay, Famagusta)

15:15 Afro-Turks, an analysis of 'Calf Festival' (Dana Bayramı) in the light of dance and cultural revival (F. Dinçer, Istanbul)

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 Spirit Churches in the Migrant Landscape of Istanbul (M. Şaul, Illinois)

17:30 Dancing Colors in Istanbul – Documenting the formation of a West-African space in contemporary Turkey (C. Bülbül, Istanbul)

Dinner 19:30

Sunday, June 4

Panel 5: Gendered Colors

9:30 The taming of the white woman: Dialectic of desire and recognition (M. Gürle, Bonn)

10:15 Colors, meanings and gender: does the media preacher Harun Yahya prefer Blondes? (D. Sarmış, Paris)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Panel 6: Practices of Racism

11:15 Institutional racism and apology as a form of denial in Turkey (T. Aybak, London)

12:00 Collective Memory and Alevi Responses to Persecution and Discrimination (N. Mutluer, Berlin)

Light Lunch 12.45-13.15





13.15 The Human Genome Project in Turkey. Coding Human from a Sociological Perspective (M. Şahinol, Istanbul)

14:00 Why Afet Inan would have to measure skulls – state feminism, racism and uprootedness (B. Hendrich, Köln)

14.45-15.30 *Final Discussion*

The workshop is
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