

Choreography of Sacred Space: State, Religion and Conflict Resolution

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Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Thursday May 6th

14:00: Greetings & Opening Remarks: Professor Yesim Arat, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs

14:30 - 18:00 Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives,

Chair, Karen Barkey

Glenn Bowman, Comparative Perspectives on the Balkans and the Middle East

Anna Bigelow, Sacred Memories, Plural Realities: Remembering and Producing Shared Sacred Spaces

Dionigi Albera, Religious antagonism and shared sanctuaries in Algeria

Mete Hatay, Identity, Ethnic Conflict and Conflicted Heritage in Cyprus

Friday, May 7th

9:00 - 11:15 Anatolia

Chair, Osman Kavala

Robert Hayden, The Byzantine Mosque at Trilye: A Processual Analysis of Dominance, Sharing, Transformation and Tolerance

Rabia Harmanshah, Secularizing the Unsecularizable: A comparative study of the Haci Bektash Veli and the Mevlana Museums in Turkey

Zerrin Ozlem Biner, Re-consolidating the borders between self and other and between self and the state: Ethnographic explorations of past memories and present struggles between Syrian Christians and Kurds at the margins of contemporary Turkey

Tork Dalalyan, Kurds and the Armenians in Eastern Anatolia

11:30 - 13:00 Balkans

Chair, Arzu Ozturkmen

Tijana Krstic, The Ambiguous Politics of "Ambiguous Sanctuaries": F. Hasluck and Historiography on Syncretism and Conversion to Islam in 15th - and 16th-century Ottoman Empire

Tolga Esmer, A Rebel, a Saint, and a Contested Shrine: The Türbe of the 16th Century Sheikh Bali Efendi

Lunch

14:45-17:15 Palestine/Israel

Chair, Elazar Barkan

Yitzhak Reiter, The Jerusalem Shrine in Transition between Ottoman, British, Jordanian and Israeli Regimes

Wendy Pullan, At the Boundaries of the Sacred, the Reinvention of Everyday Life in Jerusalem's Al-Wad Street

Rassem Khamaisi, Conflict over Holy Sites in the City: Symptoms of the Conflict in Nature, Images and Type of the City