Interdisciplinary and Comparative Approaches to Ethnic Conflict: An International Symposium

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Istanbul, Turkey

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DAY 1: May 5th 2012

8:30 – 9:00  Registration

9:00 – 10:00  Keynote speaker: Oliver Richmond
“Failed Statebuilding versus Peace Formation”

10:15 – 11:45  Panel 1: Understanding Ethnic Conflict and Political Accommodation: Comparative Perspectives

Chair and Discussant: Ayşe Betül Çelik

1. Neo Loizides: Post-Ottoman Successor States: Failures and Prospects in Political Accommodation


3. Şener Aktürk: Regimes of Ethnicity: Comparing Europe and Post-Communist Eurasia

4. Emre Hatipoğlu: Trade or Raid? Colonization, Economic Interdependence and Ethnic Conflict
11:45 – 12:00        BREAK

12:00 – 13:15        Panel 2: Religion and Ethnicity I

Chair and Discussant: Önder Çetin


2. Afyare Elmi: Revisiting the Tribal and Religious Conflicts in Somalia

3. Ahmet Yükleyen: Ethnicity and Muslim Radicalization in Europe: Salafism in Moroccan and Turkish Islamic Markets in the Netherlands

13:15 – 14:15        LUNCH

14:15 – 15:30        Panel 3: Religion and Ethnicity II: Religion, Nationalism and Ethnicity in the Balkans

Chair and Discussant: Tessa Diphoorn

1. Ina Merdjanova: Managing Islam in the Age of Nationalism: Muslims in the Post-Ottoman Balkan States


15:30 – 15:45        BREAK

15:45 – 17:15        Panel 4: Ethnic Identity, Race and ‘the Other’

Chair and Discussant: Ahmet Yükleyen

1. Dragana Kovacevic: Young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Norway: Migration, Identity and Ethnicity
2. Elina Marmer: The Power of Images - Portrayal of Africa in German textbooks and Symbolic violence

3. Zeynep Başer and Ayşe Betül Çelik: Imagining Peace in a Conflict Environment: the Kurdish Youth in Diyarbakır

4. Tessa Diphoorn: The “Bravo Mike Syndrome”: The Private Policing of Racialised Understandings of the Dangerous, Criminal ‘Other’ in Urban South Africa

17:15 – 17:30 BREAK

17:30 - 18:45 Panel 5: Conflict Transformation

Chair and Discussant: Victoria Araj


19:30 DINNER
DAY 2: May 6th 2012

9:15 – 11:00  **Panel 6: Role of Internal and External Actors: Towards Peacemaking or Conflict Escalation?**

Chair and Discussant: Emre Hatipoğlu


3. Tonson Sango: A Conflict Analysis Model for Studying the Role of Traditional Nigerian Rulers in Internal Protracted Social Conflicts

4. Ladan Affir: The Somali Diaspora: Collapsing the State and Contributions to Conflict

11:00 – 11:15  **BREAK**

11:15 – 12:30  **Panel 7: Ethnicities: Belonging and Stability versus Discrimination and Separation**

Chair and Discussant: Ariel Sanchez Meertens

1. Anna I. Zadrozna: The Troubles from Ohrid Agreement: Confused Ethnicity and Political Subjectivity. Case of Torbeši in the Republic of Macedonia

2. Cristina Pace: Avoiding Ethnocentrism’s Trap: Intercultural Dialogue as an Instrument of Social Conflict Prevention

3. Lynn Tesser: Ethnic Separation versus European Integration: Conflicting Stability Strategies in Bosnia-Herzegovina

12:30 – 13:30  **LUNCH**
13:30 – 14:45  **Panel 8: Reconciliation: Indigenous and Political Models**

Chair and Discussant: Teri Murphy

1. Lauren Gould: The Contestation of International Criminal Law. The Politics of Framing Abducted Child Soldiers who are Captured as Adult Commanders

2. Oscar Ubhenin: Spiritual Reconciliation from Devastation in Nigeria: The Interfaith Alternative

3. Önder Çetin: Commemorating Tradition, Mapping Post-War Peacebuilding: The Role of Islamic Religious Elites in the Use of Religio-National Commemorations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:45 – 15:00  **BREAK**

15:15 – 16:45  **Panel 9: Identity, Solidarity and Ethnic Politics**

Chair and Discussant: Neophytos Loizides

1. Hannes Artens: 'Ethnic Alliances' Deconstructed: The PKK Sanctuary in Iraqi Kurdistan

2. Şener Aktürk: Ten Common Misconceptions on the “Kurdish Question” of Turkey

3. Yaşar Sarı: Identity-Conflict Relations: Case of Conflicts in Ferghana Valley


16:45 – 17:00  **BREAK**
Panel 10: Gendered Approaches to Ethnonationalist Conflict as Counter-Hegemonic Practices: Confronting War Violence in the Former Yugoslavia

Chair and Discussant: Ayşe Betül Çelik

1. Ana Devic: The Serbian Orthodox Church and National Identity in the Bosnian Serb Entity: A ‘Successful’ Citizenship-Building (and its Counter-Hegemony)

2. Tijana Matijevic: Inside and Out of the Gendered Narratives in movies Snow and The Land of My Dreams or: What Do Women Do With the War?

3. Ana Ljubojevic: What’s the Story? Transitional justice and Creation of Narratives in Serbia and Croatia

18:15 – 18:30 CLOSING