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17 June 2015, Wednesday

9:00-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony

Prof.Dr.Ahmet Acar (President of the Middle East Technical University)

Prof.Dr.Özlem Yılmaz (Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, METU)

Prof.Dr.Hüseyin Bağcı (Chair of the Department of International Relations, METU)

10:30-12:00 Keynote Speech by Asef Bayat (University of Illinois) “"Promise and Pitfalls of the Area Studies." Location: G-110

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:15 Panel 1 (Asia) Chair-Discussant: Zeynep Tuba Sungur (METU Area Studies), G-101

Romit Dasgupta (The University of Western Australia), Imagining “Asia” in Turkey-Japan Relations

Bahadır Pehlivan Türk (TOBB University), “The Middle Power and Its Limits: Japan and Turkey as Traditional and Emerging Middle Powers”

Navid Fozi (METU Middle East Studies), “Emergent Pluralism in a Fragmented and Polarized Diaspora: Politics of Iranian Diasporic Identity Formation in Malaysia”

Panel 2 (Eurasia) Chair-Discussant: Büşra Barın (METU IR), G-102

Şermin Pehlivan Türk (Ahi Evran University), “Wither Revolution? A Comparative Approach into the Demise of the Iranian and Chinese Revolutions”

Alper Almaz (Yaşar University), “Resource Curse or Blessing: Testing the Rentier State Theory in Azerbaijan”

Büşra Öğütçü (Uludağ University), “Enduring Contention at Eurasia in the Framework of the Great Game and the New Great Game”

Panel 3 (Europe) Chair-Discussant: Günseli Durmaz (METU IR), G-104

Samiratou Dipama (Kadir Has University), Emel Parlar Dal (Marmara University), “The Effectiveness of Political Conditionality as an Instrument of Democracy Promotion by the EU: Case Studies of Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast and Niger”

Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti (METU Center for European Studies), "Europeanisation in the South Caucasus: EU as a force for change through the Eastern Partnership"

Gizem Türkarıslan (Koç University), "EU Democracy Promotion and lessons from the Eastern Europe and Middle Eastern experiences"

Panel 4 (The Middle East) Chair-Discussant: Abdullah Öztürk (METU IR), G-106

Zehra Funda Savaş (İzmir University of Economics), "Analysis Of Conflicting National Role Conceptions Of Iran And Turkey During The Arab Spring"

Rana Coşkun (Bilkent University), "Social Movements as a Catalyst in Democratization during the Arab Spring: Egypt and Tunisia"

Meltem Demircan-Özutam (Yeditepe University), "Shift in Jordanian Regime Policy towards the Muslim Brotherhood under King Abdullah II: From Limited Accommodation to Systematic Marginalization"

Nadine Kreitmeyr (University of Tübingen), "Social Entrepreneurship, 'Inclusive' Neoliberalism & Authoritarian Renewal: Social Entrepreneurship Networks in Jordan"

Panel 5 (International Relations and Area Studies) Chair-Discussant: Derya Göçer Akder (METU Area Studies), G-107

Adnan Mohammad Hayajneh (Qatar University), "The Study of American Foreign Policy by Arab Scholars: An Empirical Study"

Asema Demirel Akmaner (Yeditepe University), "Chinese Soft Power from Middle Kingdom's Tributary System to Rising China's Good Neighbourhood Policy"

Fadi Zatarı (Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakfı University), "Towards an Islamic theory of International Relations: The concepts of ethic and justice"

Elem Eyice (Yaşar University), "African Studies in Turkish International Relations"

14:15-14:30 Break

14:30-15:30 Keynote Speech by John Weeks (University of London, SOAS) "The New Bi-polar Global Economy, China and the United States." Location: G-110

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:15 Panel 6 (Asia) Chair-Discussant: Hatice Çelik (METU Area Studies), G-101

Emre Demir (TED University), “The Rise of China: a New Challenger or a Status Quo Power?”

Çağla Kılıç (Durham University), “Change or continuity in Neighborhood Policies?: A Discourse Analysis on Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping “

Nigar Shiralizade (METU IR), “Reflections on the US’s pivot toward Asia on Sino-American relations – possibility of ‘hegemonic’ transformation”

Panel 7 (Eurasia) Chair-Discussant: Işık Kuşçu (METU IR), G-102

Maxim A. Suchkov (Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University), “Implications of the Ukraine Crisis for Future Developments in Eurasia”

Gökhan Tekir (METU Area Studies), “Russia’s Ukraine Crisis: A Neoclassical Realist Assessment”

Viktoriia Demydova (METU Area Studies), “Crimean Regional Identity in the Context of the Russian Foreign Policy Strategy and the Separation of the Region from Ukraine in March 2014”

Panel 8 (Europe) Chair-Discussant: Gökçe Yiğit (METU IR), G-104

Nüve Yazgan (Bilkent University), “Rethinking the “other” in Turkish-Greek Rapprochement: The Leadership, Earthquake and the Civil Society Triad”

Armağan Gözkaman, (Beykent University), “Turkey in the EU’s security and defense structures: An alternative model of security partnership”

Tuğba Gürçel (Bilkent University), “The Impact of Europeanization on the Conduct of Religious Instruction within the Formal Education System in Turkey and Poland”

Panel 9 (The Middle East) Middle Eastern IR and Its Impacts toward International Relations: From the Viewpoint of Outsiders, Chair-Discussant: Faiz Sheikh (Hamburg University), G-106

Kohei Imai (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), “What is the Particularity of ‘Turkish IR’: A Comparison with ‘Japanese IR’”

Kazuhiro Tsunoda (Embassy of Japan in Sudan) and Yuichi Sugawara (United Nations), “Why Does Darfur Still Matter?: The Protracted Conflicts and Its Overlooked Dynamics”

Hiroyuki Suzuki (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), “Palestinians and the State: A Historical Review through Regional and Actor’s Contexts”

Panel 10 (International Relations and Area Studies) Eurocentrism in Turkish IR Studies Chair-Discussant: Faruk Yalvaç, (METU IR), G-107

Faruk Yalvaç (METU IR), “The ‘Non-existent’ Positivist/ Postpositivist Dispute in Turkish IR Studies”

Çağdaş Özeniş (METU IR), “The problem of Internalism and Eurocentrism in Turkish IR Studies”

Engin Sune (Hacettepe University), “Eurocentric Conception of State in Turkish IR Studies”

Burak Erdiñç (METU IR), “Eurocentrism in Integration Studies: The case of “Turkey’s Integration into Europe”

Yelda Erçandırılı (METU IR), “Eurocentrism in the Area Studies: The Case of the Middle East”

Panel 11 (International Relations and Area Studies) Chair-Discussant: Onur Bahçecik (METU IR), G-108

Seyfi TAŞHAN (Foreign Policy Institute), “State of Area Studies in Turkey”

Oktay AKSOY (Foreign Policy Institute), “Area Focused Activities of Foreign Policy Institute”

Numan HAZAR (Foreign Policy Institute), “Growing Interest Of Turkey in ECO Countries”

Ali Onur Tepeciklioğlu, Elem Eyice Tepeciklioğlu, Knud Erik Jorgensen, Aslı Ergül Jorgensen (Ege University), “The English School Goes to Africa”

18:00-20:00 Conference Reception

18 June 2015, Thursday

9:00-10:30 Keynote Speech by Loubna El Amine (Georgetown University)
“Comparative Political Theory: Between Universalism and Particularism.” **Location:**
G- 110

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Keynote Speech by Roy Bin Wong (University of California at Los Angeles) “The Global Significance of China’s “One Belt One Road” in Historical Perspective” Location: G-110

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Panel 12 (Latin America) Chair-Discussant: Galip Yalman (METU Political Science and Public Administration), G-102

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John Weeks (University of London, SOAS)

Murat Arsel, (ISS – Erasmus University Rotterdam) “Political Economy of the Extractive Imperative: State, Nature and Structural Transformation in Latin America”

Panel 13 (Middle East) Chair-Discussant: Özlem Tür (METU IR), G-104

Nur Köprülü, “The Middle East between Change and Stability”

İlksoy Aslım, “US Middle East Policy after the Arab Uprisings”

Ali Dayıoğlu, “The Rise of Islamic Activities in Northern Cyprus during JDP Government”

Elçin Doruk (Yaşar University), “The Road Not Taken: Developing Intercultural Dialogue in Turkey”

Panel 14 (Turkey) Chair-Discussant: Pınar Bedirhanoğlu (METU IR), G-106

Mustafa Şahin (Ministry of Development) “A Comparative Analysis Of Three Recent Players In The Turkish Foreign Policy: Tika, Yunus Emre Institute And Turks Abroad And Related Communities”

Samiratou Dipama (Kadir Has University), Ferit Belder (Marmara University), Emel Parlar Dal (Marmara University), “Assessing Turkey’s Development Aid Policy towards Africa: A Constructivist Perspective”

Kemal Çiftçi (Giresun University), “Zero Problem with the Neighbours” Policy of Political Islamists as Reckoning Discourse with Foreign Policy of “Kemalism” in Turkey”

Hüsrev Tabak (University of Manchester), “Post-Kemalist Norms in the Outside Turks Locality in Kosovo: Kosovar Turks` Quandary with post-Kemalist Turkey”

Panel 15 (Asia) Chair-Discussant: Selim Öztürk (METU Area Studies), G-107

Zeynep Tuba Sungur (METU Area Studies), “Mistranslation as an Issue in Area Studies: the Case of Afghanistan under Soviet Occupation”

Adnan Khan (Brunel University of London), “Traditions and Transformation among the Pakhtuns of Pakistan”

Salih Doğan (Keele University), “Language and Power Relationship and Its Influence on the Ethnicisation of Politics in Afghanistan”

Panel 16 (Eurasia) Chair-Discussant: Alter Kahraman (METU Eurasian Studies), G-108

Yelda Karadağ (METU Area Studies), Georgia's European Identity and its Role in Democratization

H. Ege Gürsoy (METU Area Studies), An Analysis of IDP (Internally Displaced Person) as a Social Identity: A Case Study for Georgian IDPs -,

Sezin Şentürk (METU Political Science and Public Administration) Azerbaijani Diaspora Identity in Turkey in terms of Homeland Perception

Panel 17 (Primo Panel on International Relations and Area Studies) Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Zana Çıtak (METU IR), Blue Room

Discussant: Mingde Wang, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, PRIMO ESR

Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti, (PRIMO METU ESR) "The Eastern Partnership, the EU's way to its South Caucasian neighbours' heart?"

Insa Ewert, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, PRIMO ESR Hamburg; “Debating "China in Africa" - A comparison of Chinese, 'Western' and 'African' perspectives”

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00 -17:30 Roundtable Discussion on “Intersection of Area Studies and IR: Possible Methodological Analysis,” Location: Blue Room

Moderator: Derya Göçer Akder (METU Area Studies) Tuğrul

Keskin (Portland State University)

Hartmut Mayer, University of Oxford

Roy Bin Wong, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Loubna El

Amine, Georgetown University

Asef Bayat, University of Illinois

19 June 2015, FRIDAY

9:30-11:00 Panel 18 (Turkey) Chair-Discussant: Özlem Çelik (METU Department of Political Science), G-101

Yıldız Atasoy (Simon Fraser University), “State-Led Land Commodification of Common Public lands in Turkey”

Funda Gençoğlu Onbaşı (Başkent University), “Theory Meets Practice: The Concept of Hegemony and Gezi Park Protests in Turkey”

Şebnem Geyikçi (TED University), “Crisis of representation in Southern Europe: 15M Movement and Gezi Park Protests in Comparative Perspective”

Panel 19 (Latin America) Chair-Discussant: Mert Karabıyıkolu (METU Area Studies), G-102

Burcu Gokce Yilmaz-Akin (TÜRK EXIMBANK), “Chilean Pension Privatization: Desirable Or Undesirable Neoliberal Model?”

Emine Sena Kisi (METU Latin and North American Studies), “2001 Argentine Crisis and Subsequent Kirchner Administrations”

Esra Akgemci (Ankara University), “Transnational Capitalist Class Formation in Brazil: A Neo-Gramscian Approach to the Political Economy of Latin American Development”

Tuğçe Kurt (METU Latin and North American Studies), “Neo-Developmentalism as a New Development Strategy”

Panel 20 (Europe) Chair-Discussant: Burcu Babayığit (METU IR), G-104

Tuğçe Yıldız (Onsekiz Mart University), “Nordic Model as a Success Story: Origins, Outcomes, and Prospects

Burcu Kaleoğlu (METU IR), “European Identity, Legitimacy and Enlargement Processes”

Günseli Durmaz (METU IR), “Greece Debt Crisis in Light of the Core-Periphery Discussions within the EU”

Panel 21 (The Middle East) Chair-Discussant: Ayşe Ömür Atmaca (Hacettepe University), G-106

Abdullah Öztürk, (METU IR) “Turkey's Relations with Syria in the Context of the Kurdish Issue from 2011 to 2014”

Büşra Barın, (METU IR) “The Ottoman Attitude towards Aliyot: Was Palestine not sold?”

Ozlem Kayhan Pusane, (Işık University) “Role of Leadership in Initiating Foreign Policy Change: Turgut Özal's Northern Iraq Policy”

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Keynote Speech by Yuliya Biletska (Karabük University) “EuroMaidan and the War in Donbass: The Nation-Building in Ukraine Reloaded.” Location: G-110

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Panel 22 (Turkey) Chair-Discussant: Zana Çıtak (METU IR), G-101

Izzy Waren-Smith (Harper Adams University), İlknur Dede (Gıda, Tarım ve Hayvancılık Bakanlığı) and Elif Pınar Başarır (TKDK), “Is the Role Designated For Women Living In Rural Areas Effective Enough In Turkey?”

Zuhal Yeşilyurt Gündüz (TED University), “Body Politics in Turkey: On Women's Bodies, Insecurities and Violence under Turkey's AKP”

Gökten Doğangün (METU Political Science and Public Administration), “Gender politics under authoritarianism: the cases of Turkey and Russia”

Panel 23 (International Relations and Area Studies) Chair-Discussant: Yunus Turhan (METU IR), G-102

Hatice Çelik (Kırıkkale University), “Need for Asian Studies in the age of Globalization” Murat Tınas (Gazi University), “Need for Middle Eastern Studies in the Age of Globalization

Mehmet Zeki Günay (METU IR), “International Relations and Eurasian Studies”

Panel 24 (International Relations and Area Studies) Chair-Discussant: Burak Erdinç (METU IR), G104

Filiz Çoban (Onsekiz Mart University), “The Methodology of Critical Discourse Analysis in International Relations”

Ahmet Arabacı (Fatih University), “An Evaluation of Research Centers' Contribution to Area Studies”

Ertan Efeđil (Sakarya University), "A Need For Micro-Level Analyses In The International Relations Discipline In The Changing World Order"

Panel 25 (The Middle East) Chair-Discussant: Murat Demirel (METU IR), G-106

Luis Tomé (University Autonoma of Lisbon), "ISIS one year after the self-proclamation as "Caliphate" - from regional to global scale"

Constaça Urbano de Sousa (University Autonoma of Lisbon), "The EU answer to the humanitarian migratory crisis in the Mediterranean"

Murat Kaymakçılar (TMF), "Relationship between Peacekeeping/Peace building and Private Military and Security Companies"

Mehmet Akif Kumral (Gaziosmanpaşa University), "Rethinking the IR-MES Divide in the Case of 1957 Syrian Crisis: Factualism, Conceptualism and Critical Alternatives"

15:00-15:30 Closing Remarks, Location: (G-110)