



COMING TO TERMS WITH THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: 100 YEARS ON

International Workshop jointly organized by the Institute of Turkish Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen and the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI)

Location: Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI)
Essen, Germany, June 18-19, 2015

PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 18

13.30 – 14.00 Registration and Coffee

14.00 – 14.30 Welcome and Introduction

Volker Heins (KWI)

Kader Konuk (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Institut für Turkistik)

14.30 – 15.30 Opening Keynote

Fatma Müge Göçek (University of Michigan, Sociology): Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and the Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789–2009

Moderator: Kader Konuk (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Turkistik)

15.30 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 18.30 Panel I: Facing the Past in Turkey

Ohannes Kılıçdağı (Sociology, Bilgi Üniversitesi): Spoiled Seeds of another History that Never Unfolded: Discourse and Demands of Armenian Political Movement in the Ottoman Empire after 1908

Karin Karakaşlı (Agos, Journalist): From Past to Present: Turkish Armenians, Armenian Identity, and Genocide

Burak Çopur (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Political Science): The Current Debate about the Armenian Genocide in Turkey

Moderator: Christian Gudehus (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

18.30 End of first day

Friday, June 19

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee

10.00 – 12.30 Panel II: The German Context

Rolf Hosfeld (Lepsius-Archive Potsdam, Cultural History): The Armenian Genocide and the Germans. WWI and Today

Stefan Ihrig (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, History): Genocide denied, accepted, and justified – The assassination of Talât Pasha and the trial of his assassin as a media event in the early Weimar Republic

Marc Baer (London School of Economics and Political Science, History): Promoting Myths about Turkish Jews, Denying Armenian Genocide: The Muslim-Jewish Alliance of Interests, from 1892 to today

Moderator: Marcel Siepmann (KWI)

12.30 – 14.00 Break

14.00 – 16.30 Panel III: Narrating the Genocide

Alice von Bieberstein (Cambridge University, Anthropology): Not a National Past to be Reckoned with: The Armenian Genocide in Contemporary Germany

Kader Konuk (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Turkistik): Literary Crossroads between the Mets Yeghern and the Shoah

Kristin Platt (Zentrum für Diaspora- und Genozidforschung, Ruhr-Universität Bochum): Retelling "home": Trauma narratives and non-narratives in autobiographical testimonies of Armenian survivors

Moderator: Volker Heins (KWI)

16.30 – 17.00 Break

17.00 – 18.00 Closing Keynote

Meyda Yeğenoglu (Bilgi Üniversitesi, Cultural Studies): Inheriting a Violent Past and How to Mourn for the Armenian Loss