New Religiosities in Turkey: Reenchantment in a Secularized Muslim Country?

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Thursday, June 19, 2014

15:30 Get-together
16:00 Welcome Speech (Raoul Motika)
16:10 News from the Project (Alexandre Toumarkine)
16:20 Introducing the Project “Religions on the Move” (Katja Triplett)

Theoretical Perspectives
16:30 Pierre Bourdieu and His Concept of the “Religious Field:” A Useful Approach to New Religious Developments in Turkey? (Paula Schrode)

Presentation
17:10 Indian Sufism in the Turkish Republic: The Case of Hazrat Inayat Khan (Erdal Toprakyaran)

Session: Religion and Science I
17:45 The Use of Quantum Physics in Islamic Discourses (Dilek Sarmış, with a response by Martin Riexinger)
19:00 Vin d’honneur

Friday, June 20, 2014

Session: Religion and Science II
09:30 Said Nursi’s Conceptions of Islam and Science (Nikos Sigalas)
10:30 The Islamic Creationism of Harun Yahya (Anne Ross Solberg)
11:30 Coffee Break
11:45 A Comparative Perspective: New Religiosities in Japan and Their Cultivation of Western Paradigms of Science (Katja Triplett)
12:45 Discussion
13:15 Lunch Break
Presentation
14:15 Occultism, Astrology and Turkish Freemasonry: The Life and Work of Rudolph von Sebottendorf (1875-1945) (Cem Kara)

Session: From Spiritism to Neo-Spiritism to Ruḥçuluk I
15:00 Between Science and Religion: Some Reflections on Ottoman Spiritism in the 1910s (Özgür Türesay)
16:00 Coffee Break
16:15 Bedri Ruhşelman: From Spiritism to Neo-Spirit(ual)ism (Till Luge)
17:00 The Emergence of Discourses on UFOs and Aliens in Turkey and the Role of the Bilim Araştırma Merkezi (1977-1984) (Alexandre Toumarkine)
17:45 Aliens, the Quran and Sacred Places in Post-Communist Albania: Scientific-Religious Reinterpretations of Sacredness (Nathalie Clayer)
18:30 Clairvoyance, Parapsychology, and Feng Shui: An Insight into Utilitarian Forms of Religiosity in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan (Adeline Braux)
19:00 Discussion
20:00 Dinner

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Session: From Spiritism to Neo-Spiritism to Ruḥçuluk II
09:30 Ölüm ve Ötesi: Discourses on Near-Death Experiences in Turkey (Till Luge)
10:30 Correlating Paranormal Beliefs and Religiosity: Some Remarks and a Hypothesis in Place of a “Sociology of the Paranormal” in Turkey (Alexandre Toumarkine)
11:15 Coffee Break

Session: Healing and Science
11:30 Unsatisfied Desires: Alternative Medicine between a Critique of Scientific Reductionism and Commercialization (Brian Chauvel)
12:15 Two Models for Explaining Music Therapy in Turkey (Martin Greve)
12:45 Final Discussion
13:30 End of the Workshop