Alevi Identity Revisited.

Cultural, Religious, Social and Political Perspectives


PROGRAM

Friday 21 February

08.30-09.00 Coffee, Tea and Registration

09.00-09.30 Welcome

09.30-11.00 SESSION 1 THE ALEVI OPENING

Murat Borovalı and Cemil Boyraz, Istanbul Bilgi University
Alevi Opening of the AKP: After the Workshops

Kazım Ateş, Ankara University
“I know you are Alevi but I cannot let you remain Alevi”: AKP and the New Discursive Mechanism of Denial

Ceren Lord, London School of Economics
Alevi Identity; Turkish Nationalism and Diyanet

11.00-12.30 SESSION 2 ALEVI HISTORY AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH ON ALEVI

Markus Dressler, Bayreuth University
The History of the Concept Alevilik

Janina Karolewski, University of Hamburg and Robert Langer, Heidelberg University
Manuscript Scholar or Field Worker?: Ethno-Historical Research on the Alevi Tradition

Ayfer Karakaya Stump, The College of William and Mary
A Short Comment on the State of the Field of Alevi History
12.30-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-15.00  SESSION 3 ALEVI WOMEN
Careli Vaage, Oslo University
*Internal Migration and Social Change among Alevi Women in Turkey*

Hege Irene Markussen, Lund University
*Alevi Female Piety*

15.00-16.30  SESSION 4 KURDISH ALEVIS AND THE DERSIM
Ahmet Kerim Gültekin, Tunceli University
*Thinking of Alevism as a “Majority”: Is an Alternative Perspective regarding the Discourse on Alevism Possible?*

Hiroki Wakamatsu, Nihon University
*The Saint Veneration of Kurdish Alevis in Dersim. Through an Analysis of Popular beliefs and Worship of Khidr*

Besim Can Zırh, Middle East Technical University
*Dersim: The Paradox of Disclosing “an Open Secret”*

18.00-19.30  PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSIONS
*Alevis and Alevi Studies now and then*

David Shankland, University of Bristol

Markus Dressler, Bayreuth University

Martin Sökefeld, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

Elisabeth Özdalga, Bilkent University

19.30-20.00  Wine and snack

20.00  Dinner
Saturday 22 February

08.30-09.00 Coffee and Tea

09.00-12.00 SESSION 5 MEMORY AND COMMEMMORATION

Eray Çaylı, University College London
*From Solingen to Sivas: Site as a Performative Process*

Talha Köse, Istanbul Şehir University
*Psychological Barriers to the Alevi Community’s Reconciliation with the Turkish State and the Sunnis in Turkey*

Nazlı Özkan, Northwestern University
*Mediating the “Alevi Revival” in Turkey: A Comparative Analysis of Cem TV and Yol TV*

Erhan Kurtarır, Yıldız Technical University
*Socio-spatial Meaning of Cem Houses on Public Space in Istanbul*

Ulaş Özdemir, Yıldız Technical University
*Ritual, Musical performance and Identity: The Transformation of Zakir*

12.00-13.30 LUNCH

13.30-15.30 SESSION 6 ALEVI DIASPORA

Martin Sökefeld, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
*From Culture to Religion: Reframing Alevism for Recognition in Germany.*

Handan Aksünger, University of Hamburg
*Religion and Integration. The Role of Alevi Migrant Organisations in Germany and the Netherlands.*

Nildağ Hayatoğlu, Lund University
*Alevis in Sweden in the Process of Institutionalization.*

Derya Özkul, University of Sydney
*The Alevi Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Germany and Australia.*

15.30-16.00 Concluding Remarks and plans for Conference Proceedings

WELCOME!