



Alevi Identity Revisited.

Cultural, Religious, Social and Political Perspectives

Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, February 21-22, 2014.

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 Borovali 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 Zirh, 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 COMMEMORATION

Eray aylı, University College London
From Solingen to Sivas: Site as a Performative Process

Talha Kse, Istanbul Őehir University
Psychological Barriers to the Alevi Community's Reconciliation with the Turkish State and the Sunnis in Turkey

Nazlı zkan, 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

UlaŐ zdemir, 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 Skefeld, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
From Culture to Religion: Reframing Alevism for Recognition in Germany.

Handan Aksnger, University of Hamburg
Religion and Integration. The Role of Alevi Migrant Organisations in Germany and the Netherlands.

NildaĐ HayatoĐlu, Lund University
Alevi in Sweden in the Process of Institutionalization.

Derya zkul, 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!