



INSTITUTE FOR CRITICAL SOCIAL THEORY

2nd Annual Conference

Old Building of Faculty of Business Administration
Göztepe Campus
Marmara University,
Kadiköy, Istanbul

July 8:

8-8:30am: Check in

8:30-8:50am: Welcome – Dustin J. Byrd – ICST Co-Director

9-10:30am: Session 1A.

Power, Politics, and the Theocratic

“Russia as the Red Katechon Or Russian-style Post-secularism - The Synergies of a Far-Right Theopolitical Figure as an Empty Signifier and a Quasi-Religious Theomachist Archive”

Grigori Khrislavski – University of Erfurt

“Beyond the Secular State: Abrahamic Traditions and the Ethics of Global Governance”

Deina Abelkader – University of Massachusetts Lowell

“Beyond Compliance: Rethinking Power, Restraint, and Civilian Governance in an Age of Global Uncertainty”

Maria Kortam – French Institute of the Near East

9-10:30am: Session 1B.

Post-Colonialism, Post-Islamism, and Genocide

“Expanding Post-colonial State Theory in Environmental Governance: Capital, Nature, and Subaltern Contestation in Pakistan”

Junaid Babar – University of Cambridge

“Progressive Post-Islamism as a Reformist Modernity: The Anti-Capitalist Muslims in Türkiye”

Nazil Gül Deniz Claeys – University of Alberta

“Decolonizing Trauma in a Time of Global Uncertainty: Religion, Memory, and Palestinian Resilience under Genocide”

Hasan Obaid – Vision Center for Political Development-Istanbul

10:30-11: Break

11-1:30pm: Session 2A.

Religion, Globalization, and the Problem of Artificial Intelligence

“Religion and the Temptation of Globalization: Brazilian Pentecostal Missionaries in Romania”

Laurentiu Tanase – Bucharest University/ICST

“Artificial Intelligence: A New God or a New Tool on the Path to God – Global and Ukrainian Cases”

Yaroslav Yuvsechko – Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Religion

“Signs, Symbols, and Horizons”

Martha Raquel Gonzales – Institute for Critical Social Theory

11-1:30pm: Session 2B.

Critical Theory and the Arts

“Ludomusicology, Popular Concerts, and Critical Theory”

Aivaras Ivanaukas – Vilnius University

“The Shit of the Composer: Compositional Ethics in the Age of Immediacy”

James Waide – Royal Northern College of Music

“Decolonial Resistance in an Age of Monsters: Reclaiming Sacred Epistemologies from Western Fiction through Muhammad Iqbal’s Khudi and Sufi Tawīl” (ONLINE)

Siraj Shehbaz – Lincoln University College

1:30-3:00 Lunch

3-4: Plenary Address & Q&A – Seyed Javad Miri

4:30: Adjourn – Excursion - TBA

July 9:

8:30-9: Check in

9-10:30: Session 3A.

Secularism, Race, and the Politics of Islamophobia

Sharmin Sadequee – Agnes Scott College

Dustin J. Byrd – The University of Olivet/ICST

Khaled al-Qazzaz – Institute for Religious and Socio-Political Studies

9-10:30: Session 3B.

Decolonizing Critical Theory:

Epistemologies of Crisis from Muslim World and the Global South

Ramazan Aras – Ibn Haldun University

Heba Raouf Ezzat – Ibn Haldun University

Alev Erkilet – Ibn Haldun University

Tesnim Khriji Chirchi – Ibn Haldun University

10:30-11: Break

11-1:30pm: Session 4A.

Critical Theory, Identity, and the Critique of Society

“Mediated Being and Non-Identical Thought”

Domas Junelis – Vilnius University

“Beyond Morbid Symptoms”

Lauren Langman – Loyola University

“Erich Fromm and Martin Buber: An Encounter”

Maor Levitin – International Herbert Marcuse Society

11-1:30pm: Session 4B.

Exclusivity, The Great Replacement, and Predictive Theory

Humanity-Orientation as Critical Theory: Inhabiting the Human Interval Beyond Exclusionist Paradigms” (ONLINE)

Mohammad Omar Farooq – United International University – Bangladesh

“Critical Social Theory and debunking the Great Replacement narrative for understanding the Plight and Securing Sustainable Repatriation of the Rohingya”

Mahbubur Rahman – North South University – Bangladesh

“Thinking with Ibn Khaldun about the Future: Islamic History and Predictive Theory”

Adnan Husain – Queen’s University

1:30-3:00 Lunch

3-4:30: Session 5A.

War and Imperialism: Iran in Focus

“Imperial Ignorance and the Production of Unknowing: An Ethnographic Account of the Minab School Massacre”

Helyeh Doutaghi – University of Tehran

“The Making of Religious Sovereignty: Critical Reflections on Ideology, Hegemony, and Political Theology in Post-Revolutionary Iran”

Naser Ghobadzadeh – American University in Bulgaria

“Revisiting the Concept of Imperialism based on Erich Fromm’s Social Theory of Necrophilia”

Seyed Javad Miri – Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies-Tehran/ICST

3:4:30: Session 5B.

Past and Future Challenges

“We know, but we do not know Change: Disembodied Knowledge and the Future of the Humanities”

Fatma Kaya – Dicle University

Decolonizing Knowledge Production in Islamic Finance: Failure, Continuity, or Transformation

Murat Yaş – Marmara University – Institute of Islamic Economic and Finance

The Future of Critical Theory: Beyond The West

Dustin J. Byrd – The University of Olivet/ICST

4pm: Adjourn – Excursion - TBA

July 10:

Istanbul Excursions

Meeting point & Time: TBA

Morning Tour: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Basilica Cistern.

Lunch (Independent)

Afternoon Tour: Turkish and Islamic Art Museum and/or Istanbul Archaeological Museums