



INSTITUTE FOR CRITICAL SOCIAL THEORY

2nd Annual Conference

Göztepe Campus
Marmara University,
Kadiköy, Istanbul

July 8:

10:00-10:30am - Check in

10:30-11:30am - Opening Ceremony

- Dr. Ibrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall (See map below)

11:30-11:45 – Break

- Move to İşetme Fakültesi (Faculty of Business Administration) 1st Floor (See map below)

11:45-13:15 - Session 1A. Room 101.

Power, Politics, and the Theocratic, moderated by **Dustin J. Byrd**

“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 Khislavski – University of Erfurt

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

Deina Abdelkader – University of Massachusetts Lowell

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

Maria Kortam – Beyond Compliance Consortium – University of York

11:45-13:15 - Session 1B. Room 102.

Post-Colonialism, Post-Islamism, and Genocide, moderated by **Sharmin Sadequee**

“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

13:15-4:15 - Lunch Break

14:15-15:45 - Session 2A. Room 101

Religion, Globalization, and the Problem of Artificial Intelligence,
moderated by Naser Ghobadzadeh

“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

14:15-15:45 - Session 2B. Room 102

Critical Theory and the Arts, moderated by Fatma Kaya

“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

15:45-16 - Break

16-17 - Plenary Address & Q&A – Seyed Javad Miri

17 - Adjourn

Excursion: 19:00 – [Mevlevi Sufi Sema at Hodjapasha Culture Center \(Optional\)](#).

For this excursion, you need to reserve your tickets through the link above.

July 9:

10-10:30 - Check in

10:30-12:00 - Session 3A. Room 101.

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

10:30-12:00 - Session 3B. Room 102.

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

12-12:15 - Break

12:15-13:45 - Session 4A. Room 101.

Critical Theory, Identity, and the Critique of Society, moderated by

Dustin J. Byrd

“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

12:15-13:45 – Session 4B. Room 102.

Exclusivity, The Great Replacement, and Predictive Theory, moderated by Martha Raquel Gonzales

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

13:45-14:45 - Lunch

14:45-16:15 - Session 5A. Room 101.

War and Imperialism: Iran in Focus, moderated by Dustin J. Byrd

“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

14:45-16:15 - Session 5B. Room 102.

Past and Future Challenges, moderated by Mahbubur Rahman

“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

Al-Ishtibak: Toward a Theory of the Second Breach (Online)

Ali Harfouch – Independent Scholar

16:15 - Adjourn

20:30: Excursion: Bosphorus Dinner Cruise and Turkish Night Show (Optional)

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July 10: Istanbul Excursions

Meeting point & Time: TBA

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

- Please be aware that some venues have entrance fees while others are free.

Lunch (Independent)

Afternoon Tour: Turkish and Islamic Art Museum and/or Istanbul Archaeological Museums (just suggestions).

Map of Marmara University Campus:

- 1) **In purple:** Dr. Ibrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall
- 2) **In red:** İşletme Fakültesi (Business Faculty Building)

