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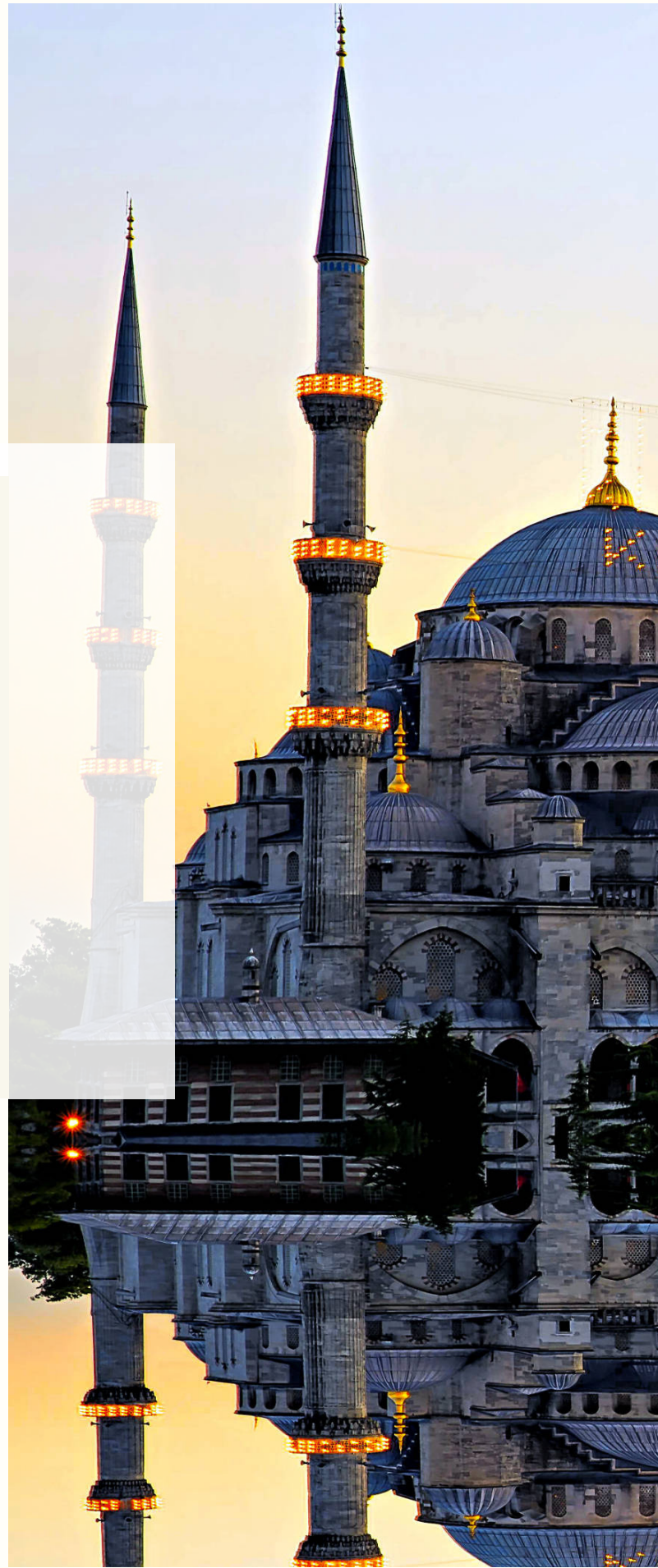
WORKSHOP

UNPACKING "THE OPPOSITION" IN UNDEMOCRATIC REGIMES

THE ROLE, TRANSFORMATION
AND CHALLENGES OF THE
OPPOSITIONAL ACTORS IN
TURKEY AND BEYOND

27 - 28 NOVEMBER 2020

The workshop has limited places and will be held
online via Webex. Please contact:
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PROGRAM

27 NOVEMBER 2020

DAY ONE

h 9.00 (CET) Welcome addresses

Anna Caffarena and Rosita Di Peri (University of Turin)

Introduction to the workshop

Chiara Maritato (University of Turin) and
Bilge Yabanci (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

h 9.15 Political Opposition: Institutions, Coalitions and Challenges Ahead (Part 1)

Chair: Elise Massicard (CNRS, Sciences Po)

Murat Somer (Koç University)

Oppositions, Autocratization and Democratization: Which Opposition, What and Why?

Pelin Ayan Musil (Anglo-American University)

Building Efficacious Oppositional Cohesion in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes

h 10.15 Lunch/Coffee Break

h 11.15 Civic and Media Opposition

Chair: Luisa Chiodi (Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa)

Özge Zihnioglu (University of Liverpool)

Post-protest activism in Turkey

Ayşe Akalın (Istanbul Technical University) and

Demet Lüküsü (Yeditepe University)

This is an Ordeal!: Young Feminists in Turkey

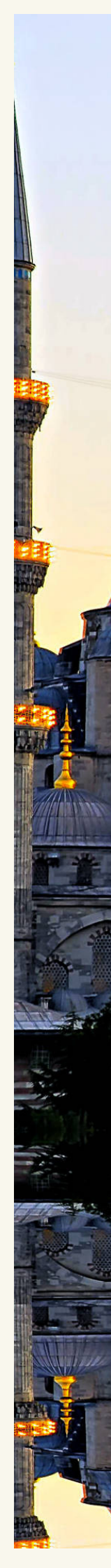
Pınar Dinç (Lund University)

Fake news? Understanding the conflict and forest fire nexus through media
breakdown

Bengi Ruken Cengiz (Stockholm University)

Locating democratic resilience: Women's movement as an oppositional actor in
Turkey and its strategies for resistance

h 12.30 Lunch/Coffee Break



h 13.30 Opposition as Discourse, Protest, Performance and Resistance (Part 1)

Chair: Simone Disegni (Reset DOC)

Fred Lawson (Mills College)

Opposition and Resistance in Undemocratic Regimes

Deniz Yonucu (Technical University of Berlin)

Necropolitics, Hauntings and Political Spirituality

Lorenzo D'Orsi (University of Catania)

Mourning as a practice of resistance: The case of Turkish former leftist revolutionaries in Istanbul

h 14.30 Political Opposition: Institutions, Coalitions, Parties and Challenges Ahead (Part 2)

Chair: Lorenzo Kamel (University of Turin)

Arda Kumbaracıbaşı (Bahçeşehir University) and

Inci Öykü Yener-Roderburg (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Problems of representation and challenges faced by minor parties: the case of Turkey

Dağhan Irak (University of Huddersfield) and


Bilge Serin (University of Glasgow)

From everyday life to everyday politics: Networked everyday politics and the institutional opposition in Turkey

Ayça Alemdaroğlu (Stanford University) and

Sultan Tepe (University of Illinois)

The end of competitive authoritarianism and rethinking the opposition in "Kayyumistan"





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DAY TWO

h 10.00 (CET) Opposition as Discourse, Protest, Performance and Resistance (Part 2)

Chair: Lea Nocera (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

Valentina Marcella (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

Counterinformation and solidarity networks: jailed intellectuals' resistance from prison

Davide Grasso (International University College)

Reshaping the opposition space: the perception of the Kurdish strategy among militants and communities

Toygar Baykan (Kırklareli University)

Anti-populism in Turkey: its roots and contemporary embodiments

h 11.00 Coffee Break

h 11.15 The International Dimension: The EU and Diaspora

Chair: Kerem Öktem (Northwestern University)

Diğdem Soyaltın-Colella (Altınbaş University) and

Canan Balkır (Florida International University)

The scaling down of the EU's reform agenda towards Turkey More room for populist agendas, less for the opposition?

Gül Üret (University of Graz)

From strategic alliance to diasporic oppositions? The Gülen Movement in Greece

Orkide İzci (University of Milano-Bicocca)

Diaspora as a site of consciousness and opposition: The case of Kurdish (and) Alevi diaspora(s) in Germany

h 13.00 Conclusion and Looking Forward

Kerem Öktem (Northwestern University)

Conclusions

Chiara Maritato (University of Turin) and

Bilge Yabancı (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Staying in touch and future collaborations

Scientific and Organizing Committee

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