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## ISLAM AND SECULARISM IN CONTEMPORARY TURKEY

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### NOVEMBER 15TH

**10:30 AM - NOON**

#### CONCEPTUAL EXPLORATIONS

**CHAIR: JOEL BEININ** (Stanford University)

**HALDUN GÜLALP** (Yıldız Technical University)

*“Rethinking Islam and Secularization in Turkey: A Durkheimian Perspective”*

**AHMET KURU** (San Diego State University)

*“Islamism, Secularism, and Democracy in Turkey”*

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**

#### MANAGING THE DIFFERENCE

**CHAIR: BURÇAK KESKIN-KOZAT** (Stanford University)

**AYKAN ERDEMİR** (Middle East Technical University)

*“Faith-based Activism for Secularism: The Transformation of Alevi Collective Action Repertoire in Turkey”*

**MURAT SOMER** (Koç University)

*“Islamic-Conservative and Pro-Secular Values and the Management of Ethnic Diversity and Conflict”*

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

#### CLAIMING SECULARISM

**CHAIR: BURCU KARAHAN** (Stanford University)

**ÜMIT KURT** (Clark University)

*“Military’s Perceptions on Islam and Secularism in Contemporary Turkey”*

**KABIR TAMBAR** (University of Vermont)

*“Staging Alevi Pasts in Secular Time”*

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#### TURKEY’S “ISLAMISTS” AND “SECULARISTS” ABROAD

**CHAIR: SHAHZAD BASHIR** (Stanford University)

**BETÜL BALKAN** (Northeastern University)

*“Opinions of Turkish Immigrants in Houston About Secularism and Islam in Turkey”*

**ZEYNEP ATALAY** (University of Maryland-College Park; Stanford University)

*“From the Neighborhood to Umma: Global Networks of Muslim Civil Society in Turkey”*

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**

#### CONTEXTUALIZING THE TURKISH CASE

**CHAIR: ROLAND HSU** (Stanford University)

**HOOTAN SHAMBAYATI** (Florida Gulf Coast University)

*“Controlled Democratization, Moderate Islam, and Radical Secularism: Lessons from Turkey and their Implications for the Middle East”*

**NORA FISHER ONAR** (Bahçeşehir University; University of Oxford)

*“Vision or Cacophony?: Mixing Liberal-Democratic, Religious-Conservative, Power Political, and Ottomanist Metaphors in Contemporary Turkey”*

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

#### CONCLUDING SESSION

**CHAIR: ARON RODRIGUE** (Stanford University)

**RIVA KASTORYANO** (Sciences Po)

**LARRY DIAMOND** (Stanford University)

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