

Kurdish transnational networks between Western Europe, the Communist world and the Middle East in the 20th century

Workshop in Istanbul

December 12 and 13, 2019

Workshop Outline

Thursday, 12 December

13:30-15:00 Welcome Lunch by IFEA in the workshop hall

15:00-15:30: Welcome and introduction

Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille), project director RUSKURD

Bayram Balci, Director of the French Institute of Anatolian Studies (IFEA)

Session I: 15:30-18:30

Moderator: Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille)

- Barbara Henning (Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg), “**Russian counterparts of various backgrounds in the extended networks of members of the Ottoman-Kurdish Bedirhani family in the late-19th and 20th centuries**”
- Jordi Tejel (Université de Neuchâtel, Institut d'histoire), “**First Encounters with the USSR: the Kurdish nationalist movement in Syria and Lebanon, 1927-1946**”
- Omar Sheikmous (Independent Analyst; Former Researcher and University Lecturer at Stockholm University): “**Kurdish Students Abroad: Between Kurdish Nationalism and Left-wing Politics**”

Friday, 13 December

Session II: 10:00 – 13:00

Moderator: Macha Cerovic, (Associate Professor EHESS, Paris / Visiting Fellow at the Marc Bloch Center, Berlin)

- Joanna Bocheńska (Jagiellonian University): “**A man on a mission. Abdullah Jalal Fatah, his doctoral dissertation on Kurdish culture (1978) and Polish academia in the 70s**”
- Hardy Mede (Doctor of Political Science, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (CESSP) / Contract Professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine), “**Entre deux mondes (URSS et Moyen-Orient) sociologie d'une élite universitaire kurde: représentations, pratiques, capital scolaire**”
- Kenan Engin (Akkon-Hochschule für Humanwissenschaften), “**Almanya'ya Kürt Göçü: Nedenleri, Gelişim Evreleri ve Kürt Diasporasının Kürtler Üzerindeki Etkileri**” (Kurdish migration to Germany: Causes, stages of development and the influence of Kurdish diaspora on Kurds)

Lunch: 13:00 – 14:30

Session III: 14 :30 - 17 :30

Moderator: Metin Yüksel, (Associate Professor, Hacettepe University, Ankara)

- Nicholas S. Glastonbury (PhD Candidate, Anthropology Department, CUNY Graduate Center), “**Radio Yerevan, TRT, and the Sonic Insurgencies of the Early Cold War**”
- Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille), “**Diplomatic and Political Challenges of Kurdish Emigration in Eastern Europe (1950s-1980s)**”
- Adnan Çelik (Postdoctoral fellow at Sciences Po Lille), “**The nexus of networking between the Kurds and Kurdologists during the 1960s and 1970s: The case of The Kurdish Students' Society in Europe (KSSE) and The International Society Kurdistan (ISK)**”

Afterword: 17:30-18:00

The workshop will take place at the Institut Français d'Études Anatoliennes (IFEA).

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