'New Modalities for Democratic Autonomy for Minorities that do not entail Dismembering States: the Case of the Republic of Turkey'

15-18 May 2015

Ankara University Faculty of Political Sciences & Queen’s University Belfast

British Council Researcher Links Workshop

Programme

First Day: 15 May 2015, Friday

09:30  Opening

10:00-11:30  First Session (I): Liberal Democratic Nation States and the antinomies of minority representation

11:30-11:45  Coffee Break

11:45-13:00  First session (II): Liberal Democratic Nation States and the antinomies of minority representation

13:00-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:15  Second Session (I): The Antinomies of Human Rights and the Representation of Minorities
15:15-15:30  Coffee Break

15:30-17:00  Second Session (II): The Antinomies of Human Rights and the Representation of Minorities

19:30  Welcoming Dinner: Balıkçıköy Restaurant (Filistin Cad.)

Second Day: 16 May 2015, Saturday

09:30-11:00  Third Session (I): The antinomies of minority representation in Europe

11:00-11:15  Coffee Break

11:15-12:30  Third Session (II): The antinomies of minority representation in Europe

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Fourth Session (I): The Antinomies of Minority Representation of the Turkish Republic

15:00-15:15  Coffee Break

15:15-16:30  Fourth Session (II): The Antinomies of Minority Representation of the Turkish Republic

17:30  Trip to Ankara Castle

20:00  Dinner: Zenger Paşa Konağı
Third Day: 17 May 2015, Sunday

10:00-11:00  Fifth Session (I): Gender and minority representation

11:00-11:15  Coffee break

11:15-12:30  Fifth session (II): Gender and minority representation

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Sixth Session (I): The Antinomies of the Kurdish Question in the Turkish Republic

15:00-15:15  Coffee break

15:15-16:30  Sixth Session (II): The Antinomies of the Kurdish Question in the Turkish Republic

19:30  Dinner: Komşu Restaurant

Fourth Day: 18 May 2015, Monday

10:00-11:00  British Council: Newton-Katip Çelebi Fund

11:00-11:15  Coffee Break

11:15-12:30  Concluding Remarks

12:30-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:30 Concluding Remarks

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:00 Concluding Remarks (future plans, publications, panels etc.)

SESSIONS

First Session (15 May 2015)

Chair:

Ephraim Nimni: *Liberal Democratic Nation States and the antinomies of minority representation*

Participants:

A. M. Aytaç & Z. Yılmaz: *Re-politicizing Concepts of Non-Territorial Autonomy*

Çağdaş Sümer: *Politics of Autonomy in the Late Ottoman Empire*

Dilan Okçuoğlu: *How Can We Make Territorial Autonomy Work In Heterogeneous Societies Where Relations Of Control Are Deeply Entrenched?*

Latif Taş: *Millet Practice, Territorial and Non-Territorial Autonomy in Present Day Turkey*

Sarah Hackett: *New minorities, new modalities: non-territorial autonomy and Western European diversity management regimes*

T. Agarin & A. Kornikov: *Hegemony of Form: What kind of social inclusion do NCA’s promote?*

Natasha Ezrow: *Minority Representation and Failed States*
### Second Session (15 May 2015)

**Chair:**
Bill Bowring: The Antinomies of Human Rights and the Representation of Minorities

**Participants:**
- **Naif Bezwan:** *Democratic Autonomy as a means of Conflict Transformation and Self-government?*
- **Derya Bayır:** *Is Territorial/Non-territorial Autonomy Possible in Turkish Law?*
- **Elodie Fabre:** *Minority representation and autonomy within statewide political parties*
- **Hasan Sayim Vural:** *Autonomy and Legal Entity: Religious Minorities in Turkey*

### Third Session (16 May 2015)

**Chair:**
David Smith: The antinomies of minority representation in Europe

**Participants:**
- **Dylan O’Driscoll:** *The Costs of Denying Autonomy*
- **P. J. McLoughlin:** *Accommodation of Nationalist Minorities and Negotiating with Militant Groups: Ambiguous Lessons from Northern Ireland*
- **Cemil Boyraz:** *Rojova Revolution? Modelling Democratic Confederalism*
- **Federica Prina:** ‘*Combining Territoriality and Non-Territorial National Cultural Autonomy: The Case of Russia’s Tatars*’
- **Lucía Payero López:** *A nation-state or a multination state? National conceptions, minorities and self-determination in Spain*
- **Marina Germane:** *Managing Ethnic Diversity in a Nationalising State: The Baltic States and the Republic of Turkey—Some Comparative Aspects*
- **Utku Yapıcı:** *Change in the Status of the Crimean Tatars after the Annexation of Crimea: from National Minority to Indigenous People?*
### Fourth Session (16 May 2015)

**Chair:**
Baskın Oran: *The Antinomies of Minority Representation of the Turkish Republic: an historical overview*

**Participants:**
- Ayşe Serdar: *Re-construction of Laz Ethnicity*
- Berna Zengin Arslan: *Defining Alevism: The Management of Religion in Turkey, Secularism and the Diyanet*
- Besim Can Zırh: *The Dilemmas of Alevi Opening: Recognizing Alevism by Excluding Alevis*
- Eylem Akdeniz: “Where Do We Belong?”: *Conflicted Circassian Identity Between Diaspora And Turkish Citizenship*
- Nurcan Kaya: *Education rights of minorities and autonomy: The case of minority schools in Turkey*
- Şakir Dinçşahin: *Anti-semitism in Turkey under the AKP Rule*

### Fifth Session (17 May 2015)

**Chair:**
Rebecca Bryant: *Gender and minority representation: Empowering women through minority representation*

**Participants:**
- Berna Ekal: *From Co-presence to Equality: Reconsidering the Position of Alevi Women in the Struggle against Discrimination*
- Necla Açık: *Gender and Multi-layered Citizenship of Kurds in Turkey*
- Imren Borsuk: *Attacks against Pro-Kurdish parties in Turkey*
- Ömer Fazlıoğlu: *Mass Support Towards Power-Sharing Arrangements İn The Resolution Of Ethnic Conflicts: The Case Of Turkey’s Protracted Kurdish Conflict*
Sixth Session (17 May 2015)

Chair:
Elçin Aktoprak: *The Antinomies of the Kurdish Question in the Turkish Republic*

Participants:
Cengiz Güneş: ‘Democratisation’ and ‘Decentralisation’: The Twin pillars of ‘Democratic Autonomy’

Çetin Gürer: *Democratic Autonomy as a Limitation of Nation State Power*

Durukan Kuzu: *The Politics of Identity, Recognition and Multiculturalism: The Kurds in Turkey*

Elsa Tülin Şen: *Political recognition through democracy and non-territorial autonomy: the case of Turkey’s Kurds*