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“The Kocatepe Mosque: Neighboring Differences and Negotiating Tensions”

SECOND ANNUAL SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM



University of Pittsburgh

Date & Time: 1 June 2009, Monday, 10:00-16:00

Venue: METU Cultural and Convention Center, Hall C

Opening Remarks: **Aykan Erdemir** (METU) & **Robert M. Hayden** (University of Pittsburgh)

Session 1 (10:00-12:00): In the Mosque: Ritual, Practice, and Gendered Bodies

Chair: **Tuğba Tanyeri-Erdemir**

Figen Uzar, Gendering Antagonistic Tolerance: Competitive Sharing of Friday Prayers at the Kocatepe Mosque

Hande Sarıkuzu, Filtering Bodies, Filtering Places: Women’s Ablutions in the Kocatepe Mosque

İdil Soyseçkin, Publicly Private: The Kocatepe Mosque as a Womanly-Experienced Space

Halil Karaçalı, Official Religion Encounters the Secular State: Ostensible Authority of Imams in the Kocatepe Mosque

Discussants: **Rabia Harmanşah** (University of Pittsburgh) & **Sabine Strasser** (METU)

Session 2 (14:00-16:00): Beyond the Mosque: Indoctrination, Entrepreneurship, and Transgression

Chair: **Aykan Erdemir**

İlhan Zeynep Karakılıç, Secular Preachings: The Case of the Kocatepe Mosque Conference Hall

Gözde Çerçioğlu, Dark Side of the Courtyard: Turning Funerals into Profit

Muharrem Erdem, “Our Team is Hacıbey”: Strategies of Balancing Çankaya and the Kocatepe Mosque

Yakup Deniz Kahraman, Three of a Kind: A Comparative Study of Liquor Stores around the Kocatepe Mosque

Discussants: **Hande Sözer** (University of Pittsburgh) & **Robert M. Hayden** (University of Pittsburgh)

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