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# The Turks and Islam

## An International Conference



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## **THE TURKS AND ISLAM: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Indiana University–Bloomington  
September 11-12, 2010

**Organizer:**

**Dr. Kemal Silay**

Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chaired Professor  
Professor of Central Eurasian Studies  
Indiana University–Bloomington

**September 11, 2010**

**8:00–8:45 AM • Registration and Continental Breakfast**

*State Room East*

**8:45–9:00 AM • Opening Remarks by Dr. Kemal Silay**

*State Room East*

**9:00–10:30 AM • Session 1**

*Oak*

**From Tengri to Allah: Historical Perspectives**

**Chair: Dr. Kemal Silay**

**“Tengri, the Comitatus, and Islam”**

Dr. Christopher I. Beckwith, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

**“How Does One Get to Heaven?: Reflections on Turkic Cultural Monuments in the 14th-15th Centuries”**

Dr. Uli Schamiloglu, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison

**“Turkic Identity in Central Asia in a Historical Perspective”**

Dr. Ron Sela, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

**“Mirrors for the Muslim Princes: A Study on the *Kutadgu Bilig*”**

Solaiman Fazel, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University–Bloomington

**9:00–10:30 AM • Session 2**  
**Turkish/Turkic Islam and Folklore**  
**Chair: Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar**

**Maple**

“The Origin and Dissemination of the Miracles in the *Menakıbnames* of the Anatolian Sufis”  
Dr. İlhan Başgöz, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

“Inscribing Cultural Difference: Imperial Administrator-Ethnographers, Kazakh Marriage Practices, and the Construction of Legal Categories”  
Kimberly Ann Powers, Ph.D. Student, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

“What Did They Believe in? *Sohbetname* as a Primary Text of the Bayramī-Melamīs”  
F. Betül Yavuz, Ph.D. Candidate, Rice University

“The Dilemma of Islamic Identity and National Identity in Archival Recordings of Turkic Music”  
Xiaoshi Andrew Wei, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University–Bloomington

**10:45 AM–12:00 PM • Session 3**  
**Orthodox and Heterodox Discourses on/of Turkish Islam**  
**Chair: Dr. Christopher Atwood**

**Oak**

“Beyond Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: Ottoman Religious Discourses in 15th and 16th Centuries”  
Dr. Himmet Taşkömür, Ph.D., Harvard University

“Islamic History from the Ottoman Perspective: Ottoman Historians’ Commentary on the History of Early Islam in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries”  
Vefa Erginbaş, Ph.D. Candidate, Ohio State University

“The Ottoman Shari’a: Sunni Orthodoxy and its Unorthodox Application”  
Dr. Erdem Çipa, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

“Rumi and Hanafi: The Ottoman *Tabaqat* Literature of the Hanafi School, 16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> Centuries”  
Guy Burak, Ph.D. Candidate, New York University

**10:45 AM–12:00 PM • Session 4**  
**Artistic and Ritualistic Expressions of Turkish Islam**  
**Chair: Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar**

**Maple**

“Photography and Islamic Traditions in the Ottoman Era”  
Dr. Birsal Matara, Ph.D., Cyprus International University

“The Turkic Role in the Formation of the Islamic Art of Maverannahr”  
Dr. Elmira Gyul, Ph.D., Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

“Folk Elements in Turkish Shrine Veneration and Mythical Representations of a Historical Person: Imam Birgivi”  
Dr. H. Saim Parladr, Ph.D., Ege University, İzmir

“The Significance of Creedal Elements in the Teaching of Hacı Bektaş Veli”  
Dr. Sıddık Korkmaz, Ph.D., Selçuk University, Konya

**12:00–1:00 PM • Lunch Break**

**State Room East**

**1:00–2:30 PM • Session 5**

**Oak**

**The Genealogy of Islamism and Nationalism, and Contemporary Islamist Practices**

**Chair: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin**

“Ottoman Islamists’ Notions of Nationalism in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries”

İhsan Çolak, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University–Bloomington

“The Relation Between Turkists and Islamists after the Second Constitution in the Ottoman Empire, 1909–1923”

Dr. A. Teyfur Erdoğan, Ph.D., Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

“Clash of the Self: Pro-Islamism as a Defensive Mechanism against Identity Confusion”

Veronika Tzankova, M.A. Candidate, Simon Fraser University

“*Sadaqa* Stones versus Computers: Privatization of Aid Relief, the Concept of *Haqq* (Hak), and Charitable Islam in Contemporary Turkey”

Dr. Damla Işık, Ph.D., Western Connecticut State University

**1:00–2:30 PM • Session 6**

**Maple**

**On the Ottomans and Islam**

**Chair: Dr. Erdem Çıpa**

“Bayramî-Melâmîs: A Deviant Order or Advocates of Early Ottoman Modernization?”

Dr. B. Deniz Çalış, Ph.D., Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul

“The Place of Ottoman Empire in the Niches of the Bengal Muslim Society”

Dr. Kazi Sufior Rahaman, Ph.D., University of Calcutta, Kolkata

“The Turk’s Head: European Constructions of the Ottoman Turk as Imaginary Monster”

Sophia Rose Shafi, Ph.D. Student, University of Denver

**2:45–4:00 PM • Session 7**

**Oak**

**Turkish Modernity and Nationalism’s Predicament with Islam**

**Chair: Dr. İlhan Başgöz**

“Atsız and Islam, or Why Did Secular Turkish Nationalism Fail?”

Dr. İlker Aytürk, Ph.D., Bilkent University, Ankara

“The Rousseauian Paradox of Turkish Enlightenment”

Dr. Levent Kirval, Ph.D., Istanbul Technical University

“Building a Nation-State on Borders of Faith: Turkish National Anthem”

Dr. Günil Ayaydın Cebe, Ph.D., Bilkent University, Ankara

“The New Face(s) of Turkey: Islamic Intellectuals”

Dr. Ensar Nişancı, Ph.D., Istanbul Ticaret University

**2:45–4:00 PM • Session 8**

**Alevi–Bektaşî Studies**

**Chair: Dr. Erdem Çıpa**

“Revisiting the Köprülü Paradigm: The Genealogy of ‘Heterodox’ Islam in Anatolia”

Dr. Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Ph.D., Cornell University

“Debating Hacı Bektaş: Orthodox or Heterodox, Orthoprax or Heteroprax”

Dr. Mark Soileau, Ph.D., Albion College

“Commemoration among the Turkish Alevis”

Balim Sultan Yetgin, Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University–Bloomington

*Maple*

**4:30–5:30 PM • Keynote Address by Dr. Ahmet Karamustafa, Professor of History and Religious Studies, Washington University in St. Louis: “Sofu, Derviş, Dede: Sufis and Popular Islam in Medieval Anatolia”**  
*State Room East*

**6:00–7:00 PM • Reception**

*University Club President's Room*



**7:00–9:30 PM • Performance: “Anatolian Folk Music” by the “East-West Music Group,” Dinner, and a special welcome to representatives from the Alevi Şah Kulu Sultan Dergâhı**  
*Federal Room*



**September 12, 2010**

**8:00–8:45 AM • Continental Breakfast**

**State Room East**

**9:00–10:30 AM • Session 1**

**Oak**

**Islam the Religion, Islam the Ideology: The Turkish Case**

**Chair: Dr. Jamsheed Choksy**

“Contemporary Turkish Islam: Muslim Entrepreneurs and the Muslimist Ethic”

Neslihan Çevik, Ph.D. Candidate, Arizona State University

“Laicism and the Issue of the Veil: On the February 28, 1997 Declaration of the Turkish Army”

Zehra Yilmaz, Ph.D. Candidate, Georgetown University

“Transforming Society with Islamist Tales: *Huzur Sokağı* as a Prototype of Salvation Novels”

Dr. Leyla Burcu Dünder, Ph.D., Bilkent University, Ankara

“Islamist Imaginations of Turkey’s Ottoman Past: Counter-Revolution through Culture and Politics”

Dr. Kemal Silay, Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington

**9:00–10:30 AM • Session 2**

**Maple**

**Turkish Islam and Modernity**

**Chair: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin**

“Islam at the Edge: Tradition, Modernity, and the *Umma* in Turkish Cyprus”

Dr. Jerome David Bowers, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University

“On the Creation of ‘Islamofobia’ in Europe: *Carte Di Costantinopla*, *Relación De Sucesos*, and Other Genres”

Dr. Özlem Kumrular, Ph.D., Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul

“Islam and Secularism in Turkey, and Turkey–EU Relations”

Dr. Ali Resul Usul, Ph.D., Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul

“The Transition Process from Muslims of Cyprus to Turkish-Cypriots and the Role of Islam, 1878–1931”

Dr. Eleni Bouleti, Ph.D., University of Cyprus

**10:45 AM–12:00 PM • Session 3**

**Oak**

**Turkish Islam, Culture, and Politics**

**Chair: Dr. Gardner Bovingdon**

“Turkish Islamist Intellectuals’ Views of Art and Aesthetics”

Dr. Celia Kerslake, Ph.D., University of Oxford

“Between the Islamic Religion and the Turkish Culture: The Role of DITIB in Germany”

Aysun Yaşar, Ph.D. Student, University of Bamberg

"Islam and Democracy in Turkey: The Question of Compatibility of Islamism and Liberal Democracy"

Hüseyin Alptekin and Hyobin Lee, Ph.D. Students, University of Texas at Austin

"Islam and Religious Education in Turkey"

Dr. Giuli Alasania, Ph.D., Tbilisi State University and Dr. Nani Gelovani, Ph.D., Tbilisi State University

**10:45 AM–12:00 PM • Session 4**

**Maple**

**Turkish Islamic Manifestations in Language and Literature**

**Chair: Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar**

"Anonymity and Identity: Romancing the Female Role in Ottoman Joseph and Zulaykha *Mesnevîs*"

Dr. Züleyha Çolak, Ph.D., Columbia University

"Tracing the Influence of Islam on Turkish Culture through Formulaic Language"

Dr. Hürriyet Gökdayı, Ph.D., Mersin University

"Theophanic Locutions in the Turkish Idiom: The Divan Poetry of Shah Isma‘il Safevi (d. 1424)"

Dr. Amelia Gallagher, Ph.D., Niagara University

"An Analysis of the Legendary Figure Sarı Saltuk in Evliya Çelebi's and Ibn Battuta's Travel Accounts"

Zeynep Elbasan, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University–Bloomington

**12:00–1:00 PM • Lunch Break**

**Coronation Room**

**1:00–2:30 PM • Session 5**

**Oak**

**Between Traditionalism and Modernity**

**Chair: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin**

"The Turks and Islamic Law (960–1923)"

Dr. Ahmed Akgündüz, Ph.D., Islamic University Rotterdam

"Islam and Modernity in Turkey"

Dr. Tamar Alpenidze, Ph.D., New York University

"Islam and Education"

Dr. Fatih Mehmet Sayın, Ph.D., International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia

"Together but Separated: Stereotypes as Demarcation Line between Alevis and Sunnis in Bulgaria"

Nuray Ekici, M.A., Independent Researcher, Bulgaria

**1:00–2:30 PM • Session 6**

**Maple**

**Central Eurasian Turkic Islam**

**Chair: Dr. Ron Sela**

"A Baptized Sufi on the Volga: Egor Fedorov (Also Known As ‘Abdul ‘Alim Sämighulov) and the Making of New Muslim Communities in the Russian Empire"

Dr. Agnes Kefeli, Ph.D., Arizona State University

"Pillars of the Sovereigns: Shaykh-intimates among the Timurids"  
Dr. Musa Şamil Yüksel, Ph.D., Ege University, İzmir

"The *Asar* of Rizaeddin ibn Fahreddin: A Turkic Bio-Bibliography from the Islamic Northern Tier of Central Eurasia"  
Dr. Edward J. Lazzerini, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

"Islam, Economic Policy, and Social Change in Turkic Central Asia"  
Saodat Kasimova, Ph.D. Student, Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague

**2:45–4:00 PM • Session 7**

***Oak***

**Islam in Azerbaijan: Culture and Politics**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher I. Beckwith**

"The Role of Southern Azerbaijani Intellectuals in the Development and Formation of the Iranian Islamic Culture and Society"  
Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington

"Islam and Music in Azerbaijan: From Antiquity to Modernity"  
Dr. Aida Huseynova, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington, and Baku Music Academy, Azerbaijan

"Islam as Sustenance in National Consciousness in Azerbaijan under the Communist Regime"  
Dr. Bahram Hasanov, Ph.D., East-West Research Center, Baku, Azerbaijan

"Safavid Turks and Shi'a Islam in the Eastern Islamic Hemisphere"  
Dr. Hadi Sultan-Qurrai, Ph.D., University of Washington–Seattle

**2:45–4:00 PM • Session 8**

***Maple***

**Islam in the Soviet Union and in Central Asia**

**Chair: Dr. Edward Lazzerini**

"Post-Soviet Islam in the Turkic World"  
Defne Jones, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University–Bloomington

"Islam in Central Asia in the Post-Soviet Period"  
Dr. Phool Badan, Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

"Debates on the Divine Attributes (*Sifat*) in the 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Russian Empire"  
Dr. Nathan Spannaus, Ph.D., McGill University

"Parallel Worlds: Male and Female Islam in the Central Asian Republics"  
Dr. Noor O'Neill Borbieva, Ph.D., Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne

**4:00–5:00 PM Session • 9**

***Oak***

**The Ottoman Influence in the Balkans**

**Chair: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin**

"Sufism in the Cultural Relationship between the Ottomans and the Balkan Region"  
Saeid Abedpour, Ph. D. Candidate, University of Tarbiat Modarres, Tehran, Iran

“The Albanian *Kanun* and Ottoman Rule”

Daut Dauti, B.A. Prishtina, Kosovo, and Postgraduate Studies in European Studies, School of International Relations, Thames Valley University, London, UK.

“The Heritage of Ottoman Islam in the Balkans”

Stephen Schwartz, Journalist, Independent Scholar, Washington, D.C.

**4:00–5:00 PM • Session 10**

***Hoosier***

**Turkic Islam in China**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher Atwood**

“Uyghur Religious and Secular Education and Its Interaction with Islam”

Dr. Mettursun Beydulla, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“The Turkic Factor in Chinese Islam: Rethinking Islam in China”

Dr. Haiyun Ma, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“The Policies Governing Islamic Belief and Practice in Xinjiang”

Dr. Gardner Bovingdon, Ph.D., Indiana University–Bloomington