A Post-Kemalist Turkey?

An International Workshop
Monday-Tuesday, 3-4 October 2011

Call for Papers

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (Contemporary Turkish Studies Forum), in collaboration with the University of Rome Tor Vergata (CSPS, Centre for the Study and Documentation of Religions and Political Institutions in Post-Secular Society), and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Institute of Asian and African Studies; Forum for Turkish Studies) are organizing an international workshop titled "A Post-Kemalist Turkey?" to be held at The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

In the past decade Kemalism has encountered widespread criticism both as an ideology and as a modernization project. Most of the criticism has focused on the incompatibility of Kemalism with liberal democracy and the diversity of Turkish society. Thus the term post-Kemalism refers both to a chronological framework and to an epistemological analysis that offers new paradigms for Turkish society and for state building.

The aim of this workshop is to map and develop a coherent approach to post-Kemalism. Is it possible to argue that Turkey has entered a "post-Kemalist" period in terms of civil-military relations, secularism, foreign relations, and cultural and economic transformations? What is the role of an Islamic-oriented political party and civil communities in this transformation? Can a new model for a social contract be introduced?

We are calling for papers to be presented at the two-day event. The workshop is open to researchers and research students from a variety of disciplines. Among possible themes are: Critique of the modernization project; Critique of civil-military relations; Critique of the secularist project.

Steering committee:
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Proposals should be 1-2 pages long, and will be accepted no later than **Friday, 20 May 2011**.
Limited funds will be available for some participants.
Please send your proposal to the workshop coordinator:
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