

Contested Social Spaces

Spatial analysis of religious-secular relations has become a powerful tool to understand the way models of secularization are changing in contemporary societies. On the backdrop of the keyword “postsecular”, the workshop aims at discussing empirical case-studies in a comparative perspective. Italy and Turkey, both secular states with strong religious traditions and public spheres, offer a twofold perspective on the shifting boundaries between the secular and the religious, and sound empirical cases to thicken the theoretical understanding of the postsecular.

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19 - 20 November 2012

Istituto Tevere
Via di Monte Brianzo 82
Rome

19 November

FIRST SESSION

- 10.00 Massimo Rosati (CSPS-TV). *Introduction*
- 10.15 Ugur Kömeçoğlu (SŞU). *Towards a Postsecular Turkey?*
- 11.00 Alper Bilgili (SŞU). *The Unwished-for Visitors: Post-secular Space and Baghdad Street*
- 11.45 Habibe İlhan (SŞU). *Post-secular Social Spaces and New Forms of Sociability: A Case based Analysis of Gated Communities in İstanbul*
- 12.30 Discussion
- 13.15 Buffet lunch

SECOND SESSION

- 15.00 Piero Vereni (CSPS-TV). *Spaces in-between. Squats and religious practice in Rome*
- 15.45 Franciscu Sedda (CSPS-TV). *New Bodies, new Rome*
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.10 Intermediate reflections on the workshop: space, religions, the postsecular in Italy and Turkey; free and unstructured debate on the first day 'outcomes' of the workshop

20 November

FIRST SESSION

- 10.30 Cüneyt Dinç & Seda Ada (SŞU). *Post-secular Transformation of Old Dervish Lodges in İstanbul*
- 11.15 Logan Sparks (SŞU). *Hajji Bektash Veli Museum (Shrine) and the implicit Post-secularism of "Museumisation" Processes in Republican Party*
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 Buffet Lunch and coffee

SECOND SESSION

- 14.30 Claudia G. Hassan (CSPS-TV). *Memory and social space between past and future*
- 15.15 Massimo Rosati (CSPS-TV). *Postsecular Political Space? The Case of the (failed) Meditation Room in the Italian Parliament*
- 16.00 Discussion
- 16.40 Final reflections on the workshop: space, religions, the postsecular in Italy and Turkey; free and unstructured debate on the second day 'outcomes' of the workshop (20'). Perspectives about publication.