Fifth Turkish Studies Symposium

Thursday, March 12, 2009, 1:30-6:00 pm,
Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building

Turkish Diasporas,
Turkish Communities

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Kemal Karpat is a Turkish historian and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his LLB from the University of Istanbul, his MA from the University of Washington and his PhD from New York University. He has previously worked for the UN Economics and Social Council and taught at Montana State University and New York University. He has written several books on the history of the Ottoman State, such as The Politicization of Islam, The Ottoman Past and Today's Turkey and An Inquiry into the Social Foundations of Nationalism in the Ottoman State. He is the co-editor of the recent book Turkish Migration to the United States: From Ottoman Times to the Present.

Kristen Ghodsee is an Associate Professor in Gender and Women’s Studies at Bowdoin College. She is the author of The Red Riviera: Gender, Tourism and Postsocialism on the Black Sea (Duke University Press, 2005), and numerous articles on gender, civil society and Eastern Europe. She is the recipient of national fellowships from NSF, Fulbright, NCEEER, IREX and ACLS as well as the winner of residential research fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 2005-2006 and at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study in 2006-2007.

Jeffrey Jurgens is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Anthropology Program at Bard College. For more than ten years, he has conducted ethnographic research among Turkish immigrants and their descendants in Germany as well as language training and fieldwork in Turkey. His work examines the social dynamics of diaspora in relation to urban space, schooling, national memory, amateur soccer, and broader public culture. He is currently preparing a book manuscript, Plotting Diaspora: Everyday Citizenship and Moral Discourse among People of Turkish Backgrounds in Berlin, and developing a second project on Islamic activism in Germany and Turkey.

Aydin A Cecen received his BS degree in electrical engineering from Bogazici University, Istanbul and his PhD in economics from Indiana University, Bloomington. His fields of specialization include nonlinear dynamics and complex systems; exchange rate policies; economic growth in open economies; and Ex-Soviet economies. He has published on the Turkish economy; Central Asian economies and foreign exchange markets. He directed several international projects in Uzbekistan and was an advisor to the Central Bank of Uzbekistan and State Export-Import Insurance Company. Aydin Cecen is currently professor of economics and director of Center for International Trade and Research (CITER) at Central Michigan University.

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Schedule

1:30-1:45 pm
Opening remarks
   Professor Hadi Salehi Esfahani, Director, CSAMES

1:45– 3:15 pm
“Turkish Migration to the US”
   Professor Kemal Karpat, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Becoming Arab: Muslim Minorities, Religious Identities, and Ethnic Turkish Political Hegemony in Postsocialist Bulgaria”
   Professor Kristen Ghodsee, Bowdoin College

3:15 – 3:30 pm
Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm
“‘The Police Came from Leipzig, You Know’: Gendered Violence, Racialized Space, and Turkish Immigrant Soccer in Berlin”
   Professor Jeffrey Jurgens, Bard College

“From Globalization to Islamization: On the Political Economy of Privatization, Current Account Deficits, and Hot Money in Turkey”
   Professor Aydin Cecen, Central Michigan University

5:00 – 5:15 pm
Break

5:15 – 5:45 pm
“Turkish Migration Studies in the US: Its history and Future”
   Dr A Deniz Balgamis, University of Wisconsin-Madison

5:45 – 6:00
Concluding remarks
   Professor Mahir Saul, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

6:00 – 7:30 pm
Reception and dinner at The Bread Company, 706 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

7:45-9:30 pm
Screening of Im Juli, a film by Fatih Akin, at Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building. The film will be introduced by Jeffrey Jurgens