

The Department of
Sociology and Social Anthropology
cordially invites you to our graduate conference

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN DEMOCRACIES
UNDER THREAT: PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION
OF KNOWLEDGE IN CHANGING SOCIETIES

18-19 SEPTEMBER 2017

MONUMENT BUILDING, POPPER ROOM



This graduate conference will address the current attacks on academic freedom and autonomy of universities. Governments intervened in an attempt to shut down universities labeled as producers of “political knowledge” that might undermine “state authority” -- examples abound: Russia, Turkey and, more recently, Hungary. How do universities respond to the new challenges? Are they turning into spaces of resistance against the hegemony of knowledge production in line with the dominant ideologies, or have they become sites for reproduction of market forces?

18 September 2017

Registration: 14.00

14.30 Introductory address

14.40: **Keynote speaker I: Jana Bacevic, University of Cambridge** - *What does a university do? From purposes to uses of knowledge, and back*

15.30: **Didem Şalgam** - *Turkey's Academia in Political Turmoil: Outcomes of the multi-facet and transforming political-interest based relation/ conflict between AKP and Gülen Community*

First Panel:
Challenges to
Academic Freedom
and Autonomy in
Turkey

16.00: **Serkan Ilaslaner** - *Solidarity: Challenges of Academic Relations under Anti-Democratic Governance in Turkey*

16.30: **Elif Birced** - *From a Profession to a Struggle: The Precarization of Social Scientists in Foundation Universities in Turkey*

17.00: **Break**

17.30: **SEMINAR SERIES TALK: Alev Özkazanç, Ankara University** - *Trajectory of Turkish Higher Education in the Global Context of Rising Authoritarianism*

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10.30: **Keynote Speaker II: Mariann Dosa**

Second Panel:
Structural and
Cultural
Approaches to
Academia

11.30: **Anna Kyriazi** - *"Us", "Them" and the State Cultural Machinery: The Dispute over the Integrated Schooling of Greek and Syrian Refugee Children*

12.00: **Elizaveta Potapova** - *Academic Freedom in Russia: Representation and Appraisal*

12.30: **Viorel Prostease, Liviu Andreescu, Vlad Botgros and Alexendra Dodita** - *Repertoire of Contention in Post-Communist Romania: A Dynamic Perspective on Student Protests*

13.00: **Break**

14.30: **Keynote Speaker III: Nadia Jones-Gailani, Central European University**

Third Panel:
Challenges to
Gender Studies

15.20: **Eva Merenics and Agnes Eröss** - *Maneuvering in Multi-Dimensional Power Relations: Coping with the Safarov Case as Hungarian Female Scholars in Armenian Studies*

15.50: **Eszter Kovats** - *Attacks on Gender Studies and Their Relationship to Broader Crisis Phenomena*

16.20: **Felipe Moreira** - *Virtuality Politics and Sketches of a Counter-Visual Manifesto*

17.10: **Round-up Discussion**

17.40: **END**