



Migrant States, Mobile Economies:

(Part1) Rethinking the Political in Contemporary Turkey

Introductory Remarks

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Panel 1

Money in Black or Blood? The Political-Moral in the Smuggling Economies of Turkey's Kurdistan
Firat Bozcali, Stanford University

Rethinking the History of Turkey's Political Economy: Generating Consent by Infrastructure
Cihan Tekay, CUNY—The Graduate Center

Panel 2

Who/What Can Cross the Border? Mobilities and Immobilities at the Turkey-Syria Border
Elif Sari, Cornell University

Golden Shoes and Tobacco Seats: Scaling Sanctions and Transactions across the Iran/Turkey Border
Emrah Yildiz, Harvard University

Keynote Address

Seeking Refuge: Lip-Sewing and Truth-Telling
Banu Bargu, Associate Professor of Politics, The New School for Social Research

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This workshop brings together scholars from anthropology, political economy, and political science to interrogate the conceptual relationship between state formation and capital accumulation as related but distinct technologies of power in contemporary Turkey. From gold traffic between Turkey and Iran and smuggling economies in Turkey's Kurdistan to the historical development of energy infrastructures and im/mobilities across the Turkey-Syria border, the authors aim to chronicle the shifting and transnational operations of economic and political power. By exploring states of migrancy as well as economies of mobility in conjunction with state formation and capital accumulation, *Migrant States & Mobile Economies* aims to rethink the *political* in both political economy and political theory through the historiography and ethnography of contemporary Turkey.

Pizza & Refreshments Provided

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