



Workshop 4/2014: New Religiosities and Science: On the Creative Appropriation of Scientific Ideas and Discourses

Orient-Institut Istanbul, New Building: Cihangir Mah., Kumrulu Sok No. 38, Morali Apt., Floor -2

Thursday, June 19, 2014

- 15:30 *Get-together*
16:00 Welcome Speech (Raoul Motika)
16:10 News from the Project (Alexandre Toumarkine)
16:20 Introducing the Project "Religions on the Move" (Katja Triplett)

Theoretical Perspectives

- 16:30 Pierre Bourdieu and His Concept of the "Religious Field:" A Useful Approach to New Religious Developments in Turkey? (Paula Schrode)

Presentation

- 17:10 Indian Sufism in the Turkish Republic: The Case of Hazrat Inayat Khan (Erdal Toprakyan)

Session: Religion and Science I

- 17:45 The Use of Quantum Physics in Islamic Discourses (Dilek Sarmış, with a response by Martin Riexinger)

19:00 *Vin d'honneur*

Friday, June 20, 2014

Session: Religion and Science II

- 09:30 Said Nursi's Conceptions of Islam and Science (Nikos Sigalas)
10:30 The Islamic Creationism of Harun Yahya (Anne Ross Solberg)
11:30 *Coffee Break*
11:45 A Comparative Perspective: New Religiosities in Japan and Their Cultivation of Western Paradigms of Science (Katja Triplett)
12:45 Discussion

13:15 *Lunch Break*

Presentation

14:15 Occultism, Astrology and Turkish Freemasonry: The Life and Work of Rudolph von Sebottendorf (1875-1945) (Cem Kara)

Session: From Spiritism to Neo-Spiritism to *Ruhçuluk I*

15:00 Between Science and Religion: Some Reflections on Ottoman Spiritism in the 1910s (Özgür TÜresay)

16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:15 Bedri Ruhselman: From Spiritism to Neo-Spirit(ual)ism (Till Luge)

17:00 The Emergence of Discourses on UFOs and Aliens in Turkey and the Role of the *Bilim Araştırma Merkezi* (1977-1984) (Alexandre Toumarkine)

17:45 Aliens, the Quran and Sacred Places in Post-Communist Albania: Scientific-Religious Reinterpretations of Sacredness (Nathalie Clayer)

18:30 Clairvoyance, Parapsychology, and Feng Shui: An Insight into Utilitarian Forms of Religiosity in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan (Adeline Braux)

19:00 Discussion

20:00 *Dinner*

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Session: From Spiritism to Neo-Spiritism to *Ruhçuluk II*

09:30 *Ölüm ve Ötesi*: Discourses on Near-Death Experiences in Turkey (Till Luge)

10:30 Correlating Paranormal Beliefs and Religiosity: Some Remarks and a Hypothesis in Place of a "Sociology of the Paranormal" in Turkey (Alexandre Toumarkine)

11:15 *Coffee Break*

Session: Healing and Science

11:30 Unsatisfied Desires: Alternative Medicine between a Critique of Scientific Reductionism and Commercialization (Brian Chauvel)

12:15 Two Models for Explaining Music Therapy in Turkey (Martin Greve)

12:45 Final Discussion

13:30 *End of the Workshop*



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