

Workshop Program

The Political Theology of Malcolm X

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Workshop Schedule

Sunday 18 August

19.00 Welcoming dinner (Venue: TBA)

Monday 19 August. 10.00-18.00

10:00 Welcome and presentation of participants

10:30-11:30 Aminah McCloud and Anthony E. Simpkin “The Political Theology of Malcolm X”

11.30-12.00 Coffee break (checking e-mail)

12.00-13.00 Farid Hafez, “Malcolm X and Mauthausen: Anti-Semitism, Racism and the reception of Malcolm X in the Austrian Muslim Youth (MJÖ)”

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Khairudin Aljuneid, “A Travelling Model: The Mythicization and Mobilization of Malcolm X in the Malay World”

15.30-16.00 Coffee break (checking e-mail)

16.00-17.00 Anders Ackfeldt “The Semiotics of Malcolm X in U.S. Hip-Hop”

17.00-18.00 Emin Poljarevic, “Transnational Dimensions of Malcolm X’s Political Theology:”

19.00 Dinner (Venue: TBA)

Tuesday 20 August. 09:30 – 13.00

09.30-10:30 Yolanda van Tilborgh, “Political Theology in Art and Islam”

10.30-11.00 Coffee break (checking e-mail)

11.00-12.00 Anthony Paul Smith and Joel Kuhlin, “The World is a Prison to Believers: Naming and Worlds in Malcolm X”

12.00-13.00 Concluding discussion (publication plans and prospects for future cooperation)

Important Information

Arriving in Istanbul

There are two airports in Istanbul. (The new) Istanbul Airport is the largest, located on the European side. The other, Sabiha Gökçen International Airport, is on the Asian side. You all will be arriving from (the new) Istanbul Airport.

The first thing to do upon arriving in Turkey is to get Turkish cash, as none of the transportation options mentioned below will accept credit cards, foreign currencies or large Turkish lira notes. Make sure you have some 5, 10, 20 or maximum 50 notes handy. ATMs can be found in all airports and other hubs of public transportation.

Depending on how much you are likely to use public transport during your stay in Istanbul it is advisable to get an Istanbul Kart, which can be used on all public transport, including the boats. An Istanbul Kart costs 6 TL and can be charged with any amount for the fares at machines at all major hubs of public transport.

Taxis are either yellow or turquoise and always equipped with meters which should start counting from about 4-5 TL. Taxi drivers normally don't expect a tip, but they do appreciate a few extra lira. You can ask for a receipt (fiş), which they are obliged to give you. If you suspect the driver of overcharging you, take the number of the cab, which is written with big letters on the side of the vehicle.

From Istanbul Airport to SRIL

Airport Shuttle Bus: A convenient and cheap way to go downtown is to take the airport bus to Taksim, a ride of about 40 minutes. For the bus you need an Istanbul Kart, which you can buy in machines at the airport bus station. The bus currently costs 18 TL, baggage included (usually stowed separately upon embarking the bus).

Taxi: Outside the arrival hall you will find yellow taxi cars lined up – follow the signs and don't accept taxi offers on your way out. Many taxi drivers don't speak English, but understand a little. If there are no traffic jams the drive from the airport to Tünel takes about 30 minutes. Right now (May 2019) the fare is c. 120 liras. The street where the institute is located – Istiklal Caddesi, the long shopping street that stretches between Tünel and Taksim Square – is normally not accessible by car by day but there are different options where to ask the driver to stop:

- Şişhane (pronounced Shish-hane), the metro station
- Tünel meydan, the end station of the subterranean funicular from Karaköy
- Richmond Hotel, which can be reached by means of Asmalımescit sokak / Kumbaracı sokak

Finding the SRII

If you have made it to Taksim, you can take the metro one station to Şişhane (M2, direction Yenikapı). The Swedish Research Institute is located inside the premises of Swedish Consulate General, next to the uppermost Metro station exit. If you prefer to walk from Taksim to the institute, you simply follow İstiklal, a walk of 15-20 minutes. Or you can take the nostalgic tramway to Tünel, using your Istanbul Kart. From Tünel Meydan or Richmond Hotel you have to walk only around 50-100 meters until you see the white, gothic-style gate of the Swedish Consulate General, located on [İstiklal Caddesi 247](#) opposite to a big, grey Ziraat bankasi building.

Important note:

Be aware that since the SRII is within the compounds of the Swedish consulate you will be asked to show your passports at the entrance gate. A list with our names will be sent to the guards in advance. They have the right to control our passports each time we enter through the gate so please bring it with you! If people are lining up outside the gate to visit the consulate, simply pass the queue and let the guards know you are attending the workshop!

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