



RESEARCH SEMINAR
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Queering the Lived Experiences of Technology-facilitated Violence against the Queer Community in Turkey

Digital technologies are used as tools to not only perpetrate violence but also as an extension tool to inflict more violence. As violence is a complex phenomenon, technology-facilitated violence (TFV) is a constant emerging form of the multifaceted types of violence that takes place in everyday life. Little empirical research has been done to explore the impacts of technology-facilitated violence against refugee LGBTI+ and non-refugees LGBTI+, even less has paid attention to the issue in the global south. This presentation aims to illustrate the multifaceted harms of technology-facilitated violence against the queer community in Turkey and the different modalities of violence that is; the expressions of technology-facilitated violence experienced in the lives of LGBTI+ groups in Turkey and how it links to their different intersecting identities, such as gender, class, ethnicity.

Rustamjon Urinboyev (Lund University)

Informality and Uzbek Migrant Networks in Russia and Turkey

In my talk I will discuss the interconnections between informality, migrant agency and networks of trust and solidarity in hybrid political regimes. I will explore these processes through the comparative study of the Russian and Turkish migration regimes, specifically focusing on the case of Uzbek migrant workers and their patterns of residence, incorporation into the labour market, gendered experiences of migration, and experiences of agency and capacity to navigate an opaque legal regime. Through a focus on Uzbek migrants and their experiences in Moscow and Istanbul, my aim is to show striking differences and similarities between the two cities in terms of migrant experience, moral assessment and legal adaptation. Empirically, I rely on a multi-sited transnational ethnography of Uzbek migrant workers between Uzbekistan, Moscow and Istanbul that I conducted between 2014 and 2021, including six months of ethnographic fieldwork in Istanbul's Fatih district (Kumpaki, Yenikapi, Laleli, Aksaray quarters) between January 2019 and August 2021.