BUILDING THE TURKISH REPUBLIC
THE EARLY DECADES

Commemorating the Centennial

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Buell Hall, Columbia University
## PROGRAM

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Opening
9:30AM - 10:00AM

Welcome
Neslihan Şenocak, Director of SSC, Columbia University

Introductory Remarks
Zeynep Çelik, Sakıp Sabancı Visiting Professor, Columbia University
A. Tunç Şen, Deputy Director of SSC, Columbia University

Panel 1 - Institutions
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Benjamin Fortna, University of Arizona
“Education from Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic: Continuity and Change in an Iconic Endeavor”

Ali Cengizkan, METU and Bilkent University

Feza Günergun, Istanbul University
“The Aurora of Scientific Research in Republican Turkey: Institutions and Actors”

Discussant: Nükhet Varlık, Rutgers University
Panel 2 - Peoples
1:45PM - 3:45PM

Ari Şekeryan, Independent Scholar
“Between ‘Armistice Complex’ and Promises of Civic Nationalism: Armenians in Early Republican Turkey”

Ayşe Ozil, Sabancı University
“Agency and Society in a Minority Regime: Greeks in Early Republican Istanbul”

Louis Fishman, Brooklyn College, CUNY
“From Ottoman Jews to Turkish Ones: The Making of a [Disappearing] Religious Minority During the First Decades of the Turkish Republic”

Discussant: Mark Mazower, Columbia University

Panel 3 - Religion
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Amit Bein, Clemson University
“Turkey, Islam, and the Middle East in the Interwar Period”

Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University
“Women, Kemalism, and the State: Revisiting Early Republican Gender Policies and Their Implications”

Markus Dressler, Leipzig University
“Nationalist Knowledge Production and Policies on the Alevi in the Kemalist Era”

Discussant: Joseph Massad, Columbia University
DAY 2

Welcome
9:50AM - 10:00AM

İpek Cem Taha, Director of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul

Panel 4 - Foundations
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Ayşe Buğra, Boğaziçi University
“Social Policy and the Early Republican Perspectives on Development”

Reşat Kasaba, University of Washington
“The Masters of the Nation:
The Early Republican State and Turkey’s Peasants”

Levent Köker, Gazi University
“Revolutionary Antinomies:
Constitutional Change and Legal Reform in Early Republican Turkey”

Discussant: Benjamin Fortna, University of Arizona

Panel 5 - Arts
1:45PM - 3:45PM

Esra Dicle, Boğaziçi University
“Theater in People's Houses
and the Construction of the Modern Nation-State”

Nergis Ertürk, Pennsylvania State University
“Literary Entanglements Across Turkey and the Soviet Union”

Savaş Arslan, Dokuz Eylül University
“Early Cinema in Turkey”

Discussant: Sibel Erol, New York University
Panel 6 - Opposition
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Christine Philliou, University of California, Berkeley
“Muhalefet and the Transposition of Political Opposition, 1918-1928”

James Ryan, Foreign Policy Research Institute
“Vectors of Dissent: Gender, Race, and Class Politics Underneath Kemalist Authoritarianism”

İlker Aytürk, Bilkent University
“Turkish Opposition in Early Republican Turkey: The Rise and Fall of the Center-Periphery Thesis”

Discussant: Ayşe Kadioğlu, Sabancı University

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