



Shifting Paradigms in Middle Eastern Studies

Workshop and Lecture by Ilker Ayturk (Bilkent University, Ankara) - 27./28.9.2021

Thanks to a large body of literature initiated by Thomas Kuhn, Michel Foucault, and certainly Friedrich Nietzsche, we today know that scientific progress and accumulation of knowledge take place through shifting paradigms. Social sciences, humanities and area studies are no exception. This workshop introduces participants to paradigm change in the broader field of Middle Eastern Studies. The emphasis is on how the context - global, regional and domestic - shapes the production of academic knowledge. Three particular cases are examined in detail: a) the Orientalism Debate (1978-), b) post-Zionism (1980s-), and c) post-Kemalism (1980s-).

Lecture: **Sèvres: The Long Shadow of a Short-Lived Treaty**; Mo, 27.9., 6.00 - 8.00pm, ZOOM

Workshop: Tue, 28.9., 9am - 2pm, ZOOM

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Registration: By QR-Code-Link (Deadline: 12.9.2020)

