



-- Network Turkey Event --

Invitation to “Jour Fixe” in Berlin:

“Euro-Alevi: From Gastarbeiter to Transnational Community“

From *Langenscheidt* Case – 1978 to *Tatort* Case – 2008: Proliferation of a Century-old Stigma in the Context of Migration.

Date

Thursday 19th, 2009, 7.00pm

at

Wahlkreis

Reinhardtstraße 37, 10117 Berlin

In December 2008, the screening of an episode of the popular German detective series “Tatort” (Crime Scene) has provoked massive protests among the Alevi communities living in Europe. The most noteworthy demonstration was organized by the European Alevi Confederation in Cologne on 30 December 2008. About 20,000 protesters claimed that the TV-show reproduced a century-old pejorative stigma portraying Alevi communities as religiously and sexually loose. From an academic perspective, the protests represent a striking example to analyze and understand the transnational Alevi movement, which has flourished since the beginning of 1990s in Europe. This month’s “Netzwerk Türkei Jour Fixe” discusses the historical background of the emergence of Alevi transnationalism and its contemporary dimensions in Europe in relation to the Alevi movement in Turkey.

Introductory speech by Besim Can Zırh

Besim Can Zırh is doing his PhD at the University College London – Anthropology Department. His PhD research project aims to compare the formation process of the Alevi associations located in London, Oslo and Berlin so as to understand contemporary Alevi transnational space. He is also affiliated with METU – Sociology Department as a research assistant and with Humboldt – European Ethnology Department as a DAAD grand-holder.

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