

Diskussionsforum

Historische und aktuelle
Entwicklungen im
Südöstlichen Europa und
im Nahen Osten

Queer Lives and Europeanisation in Southeast Europe



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17.00 - 18.30

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QUEER LIVES IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

LGBTIQ individuals are gaining visibility in most Southeast European countries. This comes despite a prevalence of homo- and transphobia on the societal level and of ambivalence in the political field. Europeanisation and European legal norms have facilitated queer activism and provide a modicum of legitimacy to the recognition of gender variance. Increased visibility and self-confidence has, however, met with pushback from traditionalist and religious circles, for whom LGBTIQ individuals constitute a major target for hate speech and anger. This seminar series seeks to provide an introduction to the changing context of queer lives in the Balkans and Turkey, raising a wide range of questions from the challenge of legal recognition and the power and limitations of civil rights activism, to the multi-faceted impact of Europeanisation and the consequences of the return of religion in the everyday life. We will address these questions from an interdisciplinary perspective, bringing together scholars from the social sciences and legal studies with activists and representatives of civil rights organisations from Southeast Europe.

Convened by Emma Lantschner
and Kerem Öktem

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MARCH 28, 2019

Romanita Iordache
(Accept Romania):

**STRATEGIC LITIGATION
TO PROMOTE LGBTI
RIGHTS IN THE
CONTEXT OF A WIDER
PRO-EUROPEANIZATION
AGENDA IN ROMANIA**

May 2, 2019

Erol Sağlam
(Stockholm Institute of
Turkish Studies):

**HOW DO MEN EMBODY
THE STATE? STATE,
SOCIETAL VIOLENCE,
AND MASCULINITIES IN
CONTEMPORARY
TURKEY**

June 6, 2019

Koen Slotmaeckers
(City University of London):

**FROM 'STRATEGIC
ACCESSION' TO
'TACTICAL EUROPEANI-
SATION'? THE PROMO-
TION OF AND
RESISTANCE TO LGBT
EQUALITY IN SERBIA'S
EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION PROCESS**

April 11, 2019

Cenk Özbay
(Sabancı University Istanbul):

**ISTANBUL'S NOCTURNAL
QUEERS**

May 16, 2019

Nita Luci and Linda Gusia
(University of Prishtina):

**LGBTQI COALITIONS,
ACTIVISM,
REPRESENTATION IN
KOSOVO**

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