

CONSTITUTIONAL POLITICS IN TURKEY

A Conference at the New School

10:15am

Welcoming Remarks

10:30AM – 12:00PM PANEL 1: CONSTITUTION MAKING IN TURKEY: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Chair **Ertuğ Tombuş** (The New School)
Discussant **Andrew Arato** (The New School)

Gülşen Seven (Bilkent University) and **Lars Vinx** (Bilkent University)
Democratic Legitimacy of Strong Constitutional Entrenchment in Turkey

Erin McGrath (University of Maryland College Park)
'Deliberation' and Its Discontents: Participatory Constitutional Reform Under Turkey's AKP

Ali Behran Özçelik (York University)
Turkey at a Constitutional Crossroad: The Case for a Progressive Alliance

1:00PM – 2:30PM PANEL 2: 'ABUSIVE' CONSTITUTIONALISM: PERSPECTIVES FROM TURKEY

Chair **Oya Yeğen** (Koc University)
Discussant **Seyla Benhabib** (Yale University)

Yunus Sözen (Özyegin University)
Majoritarianism without the majority: The Precarious Continuity of the Predominant Party System in Turkey

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis (Bilkent University)
Democratic Transition and the Rising Tide of Majoritarianism: Comparing the Cases of Greece and Turkey

Joakim Parslow (University of Oslo)
Legality, Prerogative, and the Planned Shapelessness of Turkish Constitutionalism

2:45PM – 4:15PM PANEL 3: HEGEMONIC PRESERVER OR GUARDIAN OF THE CONSTITUTION: THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF TURKEY

Chair: **Felix Petersen** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
Discussant: **Silvia von Steinsdorff** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Oya Yeğen (Koc University)
Judicial Empowerment through Constitutional-Making: the Case of Turkish Constitutional Court

Mehmet Köse (Boğaziçi University)
An Analysis of "Ideological Uniformity" and Autonomy in the Turkish Constitutional Court through the Voting Pattern

Muhammet Erdal Okutan (Bilkent University)
Attitudinal Change of the Turkish Constitutional Court: Before and After the 2010 Constitutional Amendments

4:30PM - 6:00PM CLOSING ROUNDTABLE: A WAY OUT OF AUTHORITARIAN TRAP: CONSTITUTIONAL PROSPECTS OF TURKEY

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