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22th October, Thursday

ATK Sanatevi

10:00-10:30 Opening Address: Prof. Dr. S. Ruken Öztürk
Ankara University (Dean, ilef)

Asst. Prof. Dr. Gül Karagöz-Kızılca
(Conference Organization Committee)

10:30-11:50 Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. Juan Cole
University of Michigan (ATK Sanatevi)

12:00-13:20 Lunch

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13:30-14:50 Representations of “Wars” and Conflicts in the Middle East

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pınar Bedirhoğlu
METU

Neglectful Archives: A Critique of Western Representations of Afghanistan
Wali Ahmadi

Representation of Syrian Refugees in Turkish Media: A Critical Analysis of the News Item
Alpaslan Nas

Remembrance and Journalistic Struggle in the Kurdish Press Tradition
Caroline McKusick

15:00-15:20 Coffee Break
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Sinema Salonu
13:30-14:50  **Images of the Middle East in Art and Orientalism**

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özyür Yaren
Ankara University, ilef

*Drawing a Line: Orientalism and Comics*

Duygu Coşkuntuna

*Practices of Digital Poetry and Literature dissemination on ‘free’ and the state-controlled platforms in the Arab World*

Nele Lenze

*The Representation of Arabs in Turkish Cinema*

Çiçek Coşkun & Demo Ahmet Arslan

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15:30-17:30  **Debates on Turkey**

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kemal Bayırbağ
METU

*Euphemism as a tool for Othering Middle East: An Observation on Middle East Discourse and Media under AKP Administration*

Burcu Kaya Erdem

*Methodological Problems of Hate Speech Studies in Turkey*

Gülseren Adaklı

*Mecmua-i Akhbar (1884-1916) and its Representation of the Abolition of Censorship in 1908.*

Hülya Eraslan

19:00-21:00  **Conference Cocktail**

**Venue:** Türkiye Gazeteciler Cemiyeti (Turkish Journalists’ Association)
23th October, Friday

ATK Sanatevi

10:30-11:50  Understanding Arab Uprisings Through Media

**Moderator:** Asst. Prof. Dr. Daniel Johsnon  
Bilkent University

*In and Out of Power: The Muslim Brotherhood’s Constructions of Egyptian identity in post “Arab Spring” Egypt*

**Sara Fayyad**

*Passionate Publics: Emotions & Events through Media in the Jan25 Revolution*

**Yasmeen Mekawy**

*The Arab Spring through Political Cartoons: Visual Presentations of a Changing Middle-East*

**Asma Hedi Nairi**

12:00-13:30  Lunch

23th October, Friday

Sinema Salonu

10:30-11:50  Media and Gender Relations in the Middle East

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Çiler Dursun  
Ankara University, ilef

*Centering the Periphery: Many Faces of Women Question’ in Media during the Islamic War on Terror*

**Sihem Drissi**

*The Syrian Migrant Women in Çukurova*

**İlker Özdemir & Sema Erdoğan**

*Iraqi Media as an International Project: Gender Politics and Journalism in Iraqi Kurdistan*

**Deniz Gökalp**

*Representations of Female Characters in the Middle Eastern Cinema*  
(The Analysis of “Osama”, “Seperation” and “Factory Girl” movies)

**Neda Zandi & Mohammed Naser Ahadi**

12:00-13:30  Lunch
23th October, Friday
ATK Sanatevi
13:30-14:50  **Islamism and Sectarian Conflict in the Middle East**

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aykan Erdemir
Bilkent University

*Analyzing Al-Alam and Al-Jazeera Arabic Approaches Toward Bahrain Crisis from 2011-2013*
**Azadeh Shoshtari**

*From Anatolian Ram To African Muslims: Identity, Nationalism and Transnationalism in Advertisements of Sacrifice Feast in Contemporary Turkey*
**Peyman Eshaghi**

*A Nascent but Reluctant Minority of the ‘Middle East’: Remapping the sectarian map and the Alevis of Turkey in the Wake of the Syrian Crisis*
**Besim Can Zırh & Ceren Lord**

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Sinema Salonu
13:30-14:50  **Memory, Media and the Middle East**

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aslı Yağmurlu
Ankara University, ilef

*The Radio and TV Systems in the Middle East from a Comparative Perspective: A Revision*
**Oya Tokgöz**

*The Chaos and Crises in the Middle East in the New World Order: An Examination of ISIL*
**Nuran Yıldız**

*The Representation of Middle East in Written and Visual Media: Books, Their Covers and Dialogical Consciousness*
**Gülşen Ertürk Evgin**

*Forming the Visual Memory of Social Movements: Digital Media Archive*
**Özge Çelikaslan & Alper Şen**

15:00-15:20  **Coffee Break**
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15:30-16:50  "Reporting from the Middle East" (Roundtable Discussion)

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burcu Sümer
Ankara University, ilef

Walid Batrawi, BBC Palestine Correspondent
Kadri Gürsel, Independent Journalist
Ceyda Karan, Cumhuriyet

17:00-17:20  Coffee Break

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17:30-18:30  Closing Panel Discussion:
Understanding Contemporary Middle East: Developing a Critical Alternative

Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Cenk Saraçoğlu
Ankara University, ilef

Prof. Dr. İlhan Uzgel
Ankara University

Asst. Prof. Dr. Clemens Hoffmann
Bilkent University