

Roundtable*

Imagining Resecularization in Iran and Turkey: A Comparative-Historical and Theoretical Inquiry

Monday 27 November, 2017
Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Beirut, Lebanon
10:00 — 14:00

Description:

The roundtable consists of (1) a presentation by the co-editors of a forthcoming book on comparative-historical/theoretical inquiry into the issues of secularization, secularism, secularity, desecularization, religious revivalism, and state-religion relations in conjunction with the prospect of “resecularization” in the contexts of Iran and Turkey, and (2) critical discussions by the roundtable participants of some theoretical and substantial points of the presented theme of the book.

Program

10:00 Opening Remarks
Aiko Nishikida, Director, Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies (JaCMES)

10:15
“Resecularization in the context of Iran and Turkey: A Conceptual Discussion”
Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan

10:45
“Resecularization as a Project: A Case of Post-Gezi Turkey”
Umut Azak, Okan University, Istanbul, Turkey

11:15
General Discussion I
(Discussant: Gianluca Parolin, Aga Khan University, London, UK)

11:45 Short Break

12:00
“Desecularization in a Secular State? *Diyanet* and the Expansion of the Religious Sphere in Turkey”
Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University, London, UK

12:30
“The Evolution of the *Ulema* and the Prospects for Turkish Secularism”
Ceren Lord, University of Oxford, UK

13:00
“Resecularization in Iran: A Shi’ism Perspective”
Naser Ghobadzadeh, Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Australia

13:30
General Discussion II

14:00 Closing Remarks
Aiko Nishikida, JaCMES

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