

Call for Papers / Workshop

Transitions, Precarities and Politics: Studying Emotions and Affect in Turkey

May 5-6, 2023

Ibn Haldun University Sociology Department is pleased to invite researchers to participate in the workshop on sociology and anthropology of emotions in Turkey. Emotions are not only psychological states but are also social and cultural practices. Sara Ahmed argues that emotions are not simply inside or outside individuals but by moving between bodies and signs they circulate, and this circulation makes us think about the "sociality" of emotions, so we should be concerned with "what they do" rather than what they are (Ahmed 2004; 2014). In today's digital world, where information and human relations change rapidly, it seems inevitable that emotions become more transitive and precarious. Therefore, research on emotions and affect has been increasing. This increased interest in emotions has been seen in academia as the "emotional turn" or "affective turn" (Lemmings and Brooks 2014). Although curiosity and attention to emotions have increased in recent years both anthropologically and sociologically, emotions are not sufficiently studied theoretically and studies on this subject in Turkey are quite limited. In this sense, the aim of this workshop is to provide an interdisciplinary sharing and discussion space for studies on emotion and affect in Turkey. How are emotions constructed by social, cultural, economic, political factors and changes? Do emotions change over time and space? How are emotions used to mobilize individuals? How do individuals experience an emotional conflict between the subjective and the collective? How are emotions reflected in the digital space and how do they work in the management of the masses? Only through interdisciplinary and critical studies in sociology and anthropology of emotions some answers to such diversified questions can be found.

This workshop aims to create a productive academic shared ground by bringing together researchers who have been doing research in the field of sociology and anthropology of emotions in Turkey. Therefore, we hope that the workshop will increase the awareness of the field in academia and guide researchers studying in this field from diversified disciplines with various approaches. The most significant output of the workshop will be the book of selected papers that will bring new approaches and practices to the field.

Related to emotions submissions include, but are not limited to:

- Affect and Memory
- Media and Communication
- State, Religion and Secularism
- Affect and Gender
- Body and Embodiment
- Politics, Discourses and Narratives
- Consumption and Economy
- Space and Place
- Borders, Migration and Refugees
- New Forms of Governmentality

This workshop encourages both experienced scholars and graduate students at the beginning of their careers to join our workshop.

Those interested should send a 200-300 word abstract to emotionsworkshop@ihu.edu.tr by including a short bio. (The papers you will send should not have been published anywhere before)

Language: English and Turkish

Workshop Location: Ibn Haldun University, Başakşehir Campus.

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: **February 20, 2023**
Notification of acceptance: **February 28, 2023**
Submission of full papers: **April 10, 2023**
Announcement of Symposium Program: **April 20, 2023**
Workshop: **May 5-6, 2023**

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