

# THE TRANSNATIONALITY OF THE KURDISH FREEDOM MOVEMENT

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

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Department of History, Archaeology, Geography, Fine and Performing Arts  
(SAGAS)

Palazzo Fenzi, Aula Parva, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, via San Gallo 10, University of Florence

## 9.00-9.30: Institutional Greetings

Head of SAGAS Department, University of Florence, **Prof. Fulvio Cervini**

Chair of the MA Degree in Geography, SAGAS, University of Florence, **Prof. Matteo Puttilli**

Workshop organiser, SAGAS, University of Florence, **Dr Francesco Ventura**

## 9.30-10.30: Opening Keynote Address

**Prof. Pinar Dinç** (Lund University), *Transboundary Ecologies of War: Destruction, Resistance, and the Quest for Peace*

## 11.00-12.15: Panel 1 – Kurdistan

**Dr Rojda Tuğrul** (Independent artist/researcher, Vienna)

*Damming the Rivers of Kurdistan: Environmental and Social Impacts*

**Dr Ronay Bakan** (European University Institute)

*Perils of International Heritage Regime: Non-state actors go to UNESCO*

**Dr Davide Grasso** (University of Turin)

*The collapse of the “democratic nation” in Syria. Successes, contradictions and decline of the Arab involvement in the Autonomous Administration*

**Dr Thomas McGee** (European University Institute)

*Circulation of Rojava Resistance Discourse between Kurdistan and the Diaspora*

## 14.15-15.30: Panel 2 – The World

**Dr Francesco Ventura** (University of Florence)

*Towards a Conceptualization of Post-Statist Diaspora Diplomacy: The Dual Strategy of the Kurdish Freedom Movement in Europe*

**Dr İnci Öykü Yener-Roderburg** (Lund University)

*Pro-Kurdish Parties Abroad: Diaspora Mobilisation in Turkish Elections, 2015–2023*

**Dr Federico Venturini** (University of Udine)

*Internationalising the Kurdish question: transnational advocacy, knowledge production and solidarity*

**Dr Shilan Fuad Hussain** (Institute of Domestic Violence, Religion & Migration, UK)

*Women at the Centre of Kurdish Freedom Across Borders*

## 16.30-17.30: Closing Keynote

**Joost Jongerden** (Wageningen University), *Space and Politics in the Kurdistan Freedom Movement*

## Roundtable and discussion

*An accompanying art exhibition by Rojda Tuğrul will also be on display during the workshop.*



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