

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, 1st 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. Pınar 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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