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A PROCESS WITHOUT A NAME: FIGHTING WARS, NEGOTIATING PEACE IN KURDISTAN

WORKSHOP

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Monday, June 8 | 12:30pm–6:00pm

- 12:30–13:00 **Lunch** (sandwiches)
- 13:00–13:10 **Welcome**
Prof. Christian Olsson (Director of REPI, ULB)
- 13:10–13:30 **Introduction: objectives, expectations, and practicalities**
Facilitator: Jan Yasin Sunca
- 13:30–15:00 **First session**
- A New Paradigm of Living Together? Peace, Egalitarian Coexistence, and the Possibility of a New Political Belonging
Özgür Sevgi Göral, EHESS
 - Öcalan's Democratic Integration and the PKK's Particularities of Worldmaking
Joost Jongerden, Wageningen University
 - Democratic Integration into What? The Kurdish Struggle at the End of Liberal Legibility
Jan Yasin Sunca, Université libre de Bruxelles
- 15:00–15:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:30–16:30 **Second session**
- Beyond the Silence of Arms: The Spatial and Political Conditions of Peace in Kurdistan
Rüştü Demirkaya, University of Geneva
 - Environmental Destruction and Conflict Landscapes: Extractivism, Militarisation, and the Prospects for Peace Ecology in Kurdistan
Pinar Dinç, Lund University
- 16:30–17:00 **Break**
- 17:00–18:00 **Third session**
- Rethinking the "Socialization of Peace" in the Turkish-Kurdish Peace Negotiations
Yeşim Yaprak Yıldız, Goldsmiths, University of London
 - Process(ing) Peace Across Generations: Post-memory, Political Repertoires and Borderless Communication
Aslı Telli, Uni-Cologne
- 19:30 **Dinner**

9:00-10:30

First session

- Bedel and Melancholy: On the Costs Peace Cannot Settle
Delal Aydin, Geneva Graduate Institute & Emrah Karakuş, University of Sussex
- Disarmament Without Democratisation: Gender and Political Intelligibility in Turkey's Kurdish Process
Ruşen Işık, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva
- Liberal bracket in colonial history: Kurdish language politics during the peace negotiation process (2009-2015)
Demet Arpacık, Ghent University, Belgium

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:00

Second Session

- The Paradigm of Democratic Confederalism, the Tactic of Democratic Integration, and the Prospect of Annihilation
Cihad Hammy, University of Hamburg & Thomas Jeffrey Miley, University of Cambridge
- Political Legitimacy of the Kurdistan Freedom Movement after the PKK's transformation
Francesco Ventura, University of Florence, Italy

12:00-12:15

Short break

12:15-13:00

Conclusion & next steps

Facilitator: Joost Jongerden

13:00-14:00

Lunch (Lebanese buffet)