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Migrant States, Mobile Economies
*Rethinking the Political in
Contemporary Turkey*



This event brings together scholars from anthropology and political science to interrogate the conceptual relationship between state formation and capital accumulation as related but distinct technologies of power in contemporary Turkey. From gold traffic between Turkey and Iran and smuggling economies in Turkey's Kurdistan to the historical development of energy infrastructures and im/mobilities across the Turkey-Syria border, the authors aim to chronicle the shifting and transnational operations of economic and political power. By exploring states of migrancy as well as economies of mobility in conjunction with state formation and capital accumulation, *Migrant States & Mobile Economies* aims to rethink the political in both political economy and political theory through the historiography and ethnography of contemporary Turkey.

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Papers and Presentations

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Money in Black or Blood? The Political-Moral in the Smuggling Economies of Turkey's Kurdistan

Cihan Tekay (*CUNY- The Graduate Center*)

Rethinking the History of Turkey's Political Economy: Generating Consent by Infrastructure

Eli Sari (*Cornell University*)

Who/What Can Cross the Border? Mobilities and Immobilities at the Turkey-Syria Border

Emrah Yildiz (*Harvard University*)

Do not go quietly: Human agency, contingency, and the push to formulate a structural explanation of the Arab Spring

Banu Bargu (*The New School for Social Research*)

Seeking Refuge: Lip-Sewing and Truth-Telling