

DIRECTIONS

Public Transportation: Take the U35 CampusLinie towards *Hustadt* from the center of Bochum or Hauptbahnhof (central station) and get off at the station *Wasserstraße*. From there turn right and cross the street, then left cross the crossroads passing by the copy shop at the corner and continue for approx. 200 metres until you reach *Universitätsstraße 90a*.

By Car: The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit *Bochum-Querenburg*, follow the signs to *Bochum Zentrum* to the crossroads of *Universitätsstraße* and *Wasserstraße*. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 metres, until you reach *Universitätsstraße 90a*. Parking is possible in front and behind the building.



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TRADITIONAL AND NEW ALEVI INSTITUTIONS

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Traditional and New Alevi Institutions

Alevi populations have undergone many radical socio-political transformations after the 1950s which have posed substantial challenges regarding the maintenance of the Alevi tradition. Until recent decades the Alevi tradition was mainly rooted in rural structures. Rapid urbanization led by internal migration, the state-led assimilation campaigns and the rising threat of Islamism in Turkey since the 1980s, and increased contacts with other religious traditions (mainly Christianity) via the Alevi diaspora in Europe have brought about and increased the importance of new actors in Alevi socio-cultural politics, most importantly Alevi civil associations.

These modern Alevi associations also face some serious problems as to how to rebuild the Alevi tradition under new conditions and how to regulate and institutionalize their relations with the traditional religious authority of Alevi saintly lineages, the ocaks and their members, the dedes. Thus, the main aim of this workshop is to discuss the process of Alevi tradition building with a specific focus on new Alevi institutions, their roles in the conduct of lives of Alevis as well as their contacts with other religious traditions.

Thursday, 25 January 2018

02:30 - 02:45 **Welcome Address & Introduction**
Levent Tezcan (Bochum)

>>>>>>>>> *Session 1*

02:45 - 03:45 **Transformation of Alevi Institutions in the Republican Turkey:
From Hearths (Ocaks) to Cemevis**
Ali Yaman (Ankara)

03:45 - 04:45 **Loss of Sacredness? From Dervish Lodges (Tekke) to Cemevis**
İbrahim Bahadır (Ankara)

04:45 - 05:00 **Coffee break**

05:00 - 06:00 **Production and Dissemination of Religious Knowledge by Alevi
Institutions**
Handan Aksünger (Hamburg)

06:00 - 07:00 **The Religious Authorities in Alevism and Their Effects on the Alevi
Movement**
Deniz Çosan Eke (Hamburg)

07:00 **Dinner**

Friday, 26 January 2018

>>>>>>>>> *Session 2*

10:00 - 11:00 **Alevi Rituals in Transnational Context: The Transfer(ences) of
Religious Practice between Turkish Metropolis, Western
Diaspora, and Anatolian Village**
Robert Langer (Istanbul)

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:15 **From Reviving to Restating A Tradition: Understanding the
Transnationalization of Alevi Funeral Practices**
Besim Can Zırh (Ankara)

12:15 - 01:30 **Lunch**

>>>>>>>>> *Session 3*

01:30 - 02:30 **Gender Equality as a Distinguishing Character of Alevi Identity:
A Myth or a Reality?**
Ayfer Karakaya-Stump (Williamsburg, VA)

02:30 - 03:30 **Fade of the Collective Memory: Socio-political Revival, Religio-
cultural Reformation and Memory Crisis among Alevis (1950-
2015)**
Rıza Yıldırım (Atlanta, GA)

03:30 - 03:45 **Coffee break**

03:45 - 04:45 **Role of Alevi Organizations in the Conduct of Socio-religious
Life of Alevis**
Mustafa Şen (Ankara)