Second Interdisciplinary Workshop on Religious Conversion

The Politics of Conversion:
Historical Perspectives, Sociological and Anthropological Insights
Organized by Ceren Ozgul

**Breakfast (9.00 –9.30)**

**PANEL 1 (9.30-10.30) Conversion and the Afterlife in Iran**
Mehrdad Amanat (Independent Scholar, LA), “Homeless Corpses and Desecrated Graves in Modern Iranian Experience”

Discussant: Ervand Abrahamian (History, Baruch/GC)

**Coffee/Tea (10.30-10.45)**

**PANEL 2 (10.45-1.00) New Approaches to Religious Conversion in the Ottoman Empire**
Marc Baer (History, UC Irvine), "The “Unconvertible Jew:” Crypto-Religion, Antisemitism, and the History of Jewish and Muslim Convergence"

Zeynep Turkyilmaz (History, Dartmouth), “Fellahs, Hüdais and Alawis: Making of communal identity in the late Ottoman Empire.”

Discussant: Kabir Tambar (Anthropology, Stanford/Institute for Advanced Study)

**Lunch and Discussion (1.00-2.00)**

**PANEL 3 (2.00-4.00) Competing for Souls in Egypt**

Beth Baron (History, GC), "Mirror Images: Missionaries and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt”

Discussant: Heather Sharkey (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania)

**Coffee/Tea (4.00-4.15)**

**Closing Remarks (4:15-5:00)**
Bryan Turner (Sociology, GC)

**Friday, October 14, 2011, Room 9204**

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