

Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC)

An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Religious Conversion

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

9:45: Opening Remarks: Beth Baron (History, The Graduate Center, CUNY)

10:00-12:00: **PANEL 1: Towards a New Anthropology of Religious Conversion: Secularism and Sovereignty as Context**

Esra Ozyurek (Anthropology, UC San Diego), "As Muslims become Germans and Germans become Muslims: Limits of Religious and National Identities in Contemporary Germany"

Ceren Ozgul (Anthropology, The Graduate Center, CUNY), "Not-so-Religious Conversions: Secularism, Sovereignty and Armenian Converts in Turkey"

Discussant: Jonathan Boyarin (Anthropology, UNC)

12:00 -1:00: Lunch and Discussion

1:00-3:00: **PANEL 2: (Trans)National Perspectives, Global Networks: Conversion as Power Struggle**

Raja Abillama (Anthropology, The Graduate Center, CUNY), "Procedural Conversion: Regulatory Power, Free Will, and the Making of Sincerely Religious Citizens in Lebanon"

Mara Leichtman (Anthropology, Michigan State University), "The Iranian Revolution and Senegalese Conversion to Shi'i Islam"

Discussant: Max Weiss (History, Princeton University)

3:20: Closing Remarks: Bryan Turner (Sociology, The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Friday, December 3, 2010, 10-4, Room 9206

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