

Vortrag

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Abstract

From the First World War to the Dersim massacre, and from the military coup of 1980 to the proxy war in Syria, Turkey has experienced a long history of political violence. This includes various forms of violence between, by, against, and within the state. This lecture offers an historical and sociological overview of political violence in modern Turkey. It examines forms and developments of political violence, including inter-state violence and intra-state violence, such as wars, civil wars, revolts, revolutions, and massacres. It also analyzes how the Turkish state and society have produced violence, along with some of the associated standpoints of the violent actors, and how that violence has transformed both the society and the state. The focus will be on violence in the context of state-building and nation-building, and continuities and change from the late Ottoman period until today. Finally, the lecture will offer new avenues of research and promising directions for research on violence in modern Ottoman and Turkish studies. Not only are there many obvious gaps remaining, but also the research on Ottoman-Turkish violence has not engaged enough with the broader theoretical literature on political violence, and vice versa.

Bio

Uğur Ümit Üngör is Associate Professor at the Department of History at Utrecht University and Research Fellow at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam. His main areas of interest are state formation and nation formation, with a particular focus on mass violence. His most recent publications include *Genocide: New Perspectives on its Causes, Courses and Consequences* (Amsterdam University Press, 2016, ed.), *Confiscation and Destruction: The Young Turk Seizure of Armenian Property* (Continuum, 2011) and the award-winning *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* (Oxford University Press, 2011). He is an editor of the *Journal of Perpetrator Research*, and coordinator of the Syrian Oral History project at NIOD. He is currently leading an NWO-funded research project on paramilitarism and completing the monograph *Paramilitarism: Mass Violence in the Shadow of the State* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019).