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Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS) Event

The Launch of Turkish Studies Network in Australia/New Zealand



The Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies (CAIS) at the Australian National University in Canberra is delighted to announce the launch of its Turkish Studies Network in Australia/New Zealand. The network marks the rising prominence of Australia/NZ as a locus for scholars and research on Turkey understood in its most broad, plural and transregional sense. The network is an academic venue connecting scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds. Eschewing narrow and exclusivist national, statist and geographic framings, the network will span eras and transnational geographies including the modern Turkish state, the Ottoman Empire, the Turkic World and a breadth of research fields, from intellectual history, anthropology, literature, international relations and political science to Islamic Studies, Kurdish Studies, minorities, diaspora and migration.

The launch features two panels with speakers from Australia, Turkey and the United States, along with an HDR discussion and a planning session. See the full program overleaf.

Come and **join the network**, and take part in the closing **planning session** (3–4pm) to help shape its goals and thematic clusters. HDR students and early career researchers are especially welcome. Membership is free: Please join here.

Details

Wednesday, November 4th at 9am-4pm
CAIS Lecture Theatre Room 1.15
127 Ellery Crescent, Canberra 2601
Register: Online (via Zoom) or in-person

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Launch Program

Wednesday 4 November 2026 · All times AEDT (UTC+11)

9:00 – 9:05	Opening remarks – **Prof Karima Laachir** (Director, CAIS, ANU)
9:05 – 9:15	Introducing the network – **Dr Burcu Çevik-Compiègne** (CAIS, ANU)

New Directions in Turkish Foreign Policy

Chair: Dr M. Murat Yurtbilir (CAIS, ANU)

9:15 – 9:35	**Prof Murat Yeşiltaş** (SETA Foundation) *Framing: Turkish Foreign Policy in a Time of Regional Turmoil*
9:35 – 9:55	**Prof Hakan Yavuz** (University of Utah) *Türkiye and the EU*
9:55 – 10:15	**Prof Umut Uzer** (Istanbul Technical University) *Türkiye's Role in the Middle East*
10:15 – 10:45	Q&A
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	**HDR Discussion**
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break

New Directions in History, Society and Cultural Studies

Chair: Dr Burcu Çevik-Compiègne (CAIS, ANU)

13:00 – 13:20	**Dr Maral Erol** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) *Gender, Sexuality and Intimacy Among Turkish Youth in Contemporary Turkey*
13:20 – 13:40	**Dr Ayşe Başaran** (Marmara University) *Books for the Ottoman Sultan: European Authors, Rewards, and Diplomatic Networks in the Mid-19th Century*
13:40 – 14:00	**Dr Kubilay Atik** (Hacı Bektaş Veli University) *Christianity and Bektashism in Cappadocia's Cultural Heritage*
14:00 – 14:20	**Dr Banu Şenay** (Macquarie University) *An Audiovisual Archive of Ney, from Reedbed to Workshop*
14:20 – 14:45	Q&A
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00	**Planning Session**

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