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Greek Heritage in Contemporary Turkey: (Dis)Continuities, Discretion, and Anxieties

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3 pm Central Daylight Time (Chicago time) Dr. Erol Saglam will deliver an online lecture titled “*Greek Heritage in Contemporary Turkey: (Dis)Continuities, Discretion, and Anxieties*”.

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Despite its public invisibility, fragments and transfigurations of Greek heritage continue to permeate and affect the social lives of local communities in northeast Turkey, what is historically known as Pontus. Drawing on an anthropological study in the region, this talk will detail how *Romeyka*, a local variety of Greek with archaic linguistic features, has survived despite nationalist erasures and anxieties around identity and religion. An examination of the persistence of Greek heritage in Trabzon suggests that heritage should not be sought solely through material traces and remnants: intangible heritages take peculiar shapes in localized contexts in relation to members’ wider socio-economic and political engagements in the present, requiring researchers to be attuned to discreet, somewhat spectral, non-public, and elusive aspects of local socialities.

Erol Saglam is a social anthropologist working on reconfigurations of statecraft and the changing parameters of political subjectivity at the intersections of conspiracy theories, collective memory, societal violence, and bureaucratic operations. Following his doctoral studies at Birkbeck, University of London, Saglam worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Stockholm University and Freie Universität Berlin and was a visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge. Saglam’s publications deal with everyday configurations of Islamic piety in the Turkish context, everyday dynamics that forge and maintain heteronormative masculinities, ultranationalist vigilantism, bureaucracies, and the challenges facing ethnographic methodology in contemporary world. Saglam is currently a lecturer at Istanbul Medeniyet University.

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