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The Turkish Republic before its Centennial: Towards or Beyond Post-Kemalism?

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In her keynote lecture, Turkey's eminent sociologist Prof. Nilüfer Göle will revisit the promise and prospect of the Turkish Republic in light of its centennial in 2023. Over the course of hundred years, Turkey has been described as a bridge between Europe and Asia, or as a secular role model for Muslim countries but increasingly also as an example of authoritarian regress. What is the state of the Republic amidst massive domestic and external transformations, what are the key challenges that Turkey faces at its centennial and beyond?

Prof. Nilüfer Göle is one of the most influential thinkers from Turkey, who has spearheaded critical interventions both in Turkey and Europe on the ques-

tions of Islam, modernity, and secularism. She is the Professor for Sociology and Director of Studies at the EHESS in Paris. Her scholarship has opened up a new reading of modernity from a non-western perspective and a broader critique of Eurocentrism in the definitions of secular modernity. At present, her research focuses on the democracy of public space with the emergence of new forms of protest across the globe. Prof. Göle is a board member of the Nomis Foundation and the Director of the European Public Islam project at the European Research Council. She was awarded France's most important decoration for her research, the Légion d'Honneur in 2014 and l'Ordre nationale du mérite in 2020.



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