

# WORKSHOP: AFFECTIVE AND MATERIAL METHODOLOGIES

27 September 2019, 10.00 – 17.30

Room B-105, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, UniS, University of Bern

In this workshop, we discuss key concepts of the anthropologist Yael Navaro's scholarship. By taking both her earlier work on affect and materiality as well as her ongoing work on violence and spirituality into consideration, we approach conceptual and methodological questions of the anthropology of the state. Since the critical theorizing of the state in Turkey has shaped Navaro's entire work since the publication of her first book "Faces of the State" (PUP, 2002), we will particularly focus on different perspectives to "read the state". Although situated in different ethnographic fields and theoretical discussions, the papers of the workshop participants take up the pressing issues of the state, violence, and/or affect.

- 10:00 – 10:30      **Welcome and Introduction**  
Sabine Strasser, University of Bern
- 10:30 – 11:30      **Violence and Spirituality: Khidr Cosmography at the Turkish/Syrian Territorial Interface**  
Yael Navaro, University of Cambridge  
**Discussants:** Isabel Käser, postdoctoral researcher and lecturer, SOAS and University of Bern and Gerhild Perl, lecturer, University of Bern  
**Chair:** Bilgin Ayata

11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
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11:45 – 12:45      **Reading Turkey from an Ethnographic Angle. A Conversation with Yael Navaro**  
**Chair:** Sabine Strasser

12:45 – 14:15	Lunch
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14:15 – 14:45      **A Refugee in His/Her Homeland? Research Report from Yerevan.**  
Manon-Julie Borel, graduate student, University of Bern

14:45 – 15:15      **The Uneasy Sparkle of Bright Lights. The State Practice of (Dis)Comfort for Dersim/Tunceli (Turkey)**  
Yaren Kirmizitas, graduate student, University of Bern

**Chair:** Bilgin Ayata

15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
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15:30 – 16:15      **Affective Citizenship: Religion, Migration and Belonging in Europe**  
Bilgin Ayata, University of Basel; Serdar Kandil, postgraduate student, University of Basel; Vivien Nürnberg, postgraduate student, University of Basel

16:15 – 17:00      **Journalism at a Distance: Transnational Politics and Making Online News in Exile.**  
Zeynep Sariaslan, postdoctoral researcher, Leibniz-Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO), Berlin

**Chair:** Gerhild Perl

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