

## **New Studies on Anatolian cities: Changes in economy, production and religion**

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This panel aims to discuss new studies on economy, production and religion in Turkish provincial cities of Anatolia. Since the late 1990s there have been heated debates on the economic development and export-oriented production in Anatolian cities and some authors have brought in arguments about the motivation of the new provincial industrialists and asserted that their inspiration comes from religion, addressing them as 'Islamic Calvinists' or 'Anatolian Tigers'. Although these debates seem to have faded out, the political developments since July 2016 could be a heuristic tool to ask once again whether the role of religion has been significant in the economic development of Anatolian cities since Özal years. In what ways and through which mechanisms have religion and economy been inter-related in social scientific and empirical research? What kinds of theoretical approaches have been employed and conclusions drawn in these studies? We welcome papers which will critically address these developments from anthropological, sociological and economic perspectives.

Panel language will be English.

Please send abstract proposals to the panel conveners Lale Yalçın-Heckmann ([yalcin@eth.mpg.de](mailto:yalcin@eth.mpg.de)) and Kurtuluş Cengiz ([kurtuluscengiz@yahoo.com](mailto:kurtuluscengiz@yahoo.com)), not longer than 250 words, **latest by 15 January 2018**. Accepted paper givers will be notified by 22 January 2018. After that date, the whole panel application will be submitted to the conference organization team.