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**“Making Islam Public:
Eyüp and the Geographies of Print Culture in 1950s Istanbul”**

by Dr. Timur Hammond



Recent scholarship on Turkey has focused on the 1950s, drawing new attention to the struggles over culture, religious, and urban identity in a decade of rapid political and economic change. Much of this scholarship has focused on public culture, examining the role that newspapers, magazines, and other media played in forging new identities and communities. This presentation builds on that scholarship to focus on one of Istanbul's most important religious sites: The district of Eyüp. In this presentation, I make two linked arguments: First, although Eyüp's religious identity has a long history that predates the 1950s, this was a decade in which Islam was made public in a new way. Second, much of the conversation about public culture during the 1950s has focused on debates about *national* identities. In contrast, I argue that making Islam public also involved the reconfiguration of local, urban geographies.

Timur Hammond is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at Syracuse University. Trained as an urban cultural geographer, his research draws on ethnographic and archival methods to examine the changing and contested practices of city life, with a particular focus on 20th century Istanbul. His current book project, whose research was supported in part by a fellowship from ARIT, focuses on the transformations and continuities in Eyüp's meanings over the past century. Some of his other recent scholarship includes review articles about religion, heritage, and urban geography and critical analyses of the commemoration of the July 2016 coup attempt.

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