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Panel discussion: being Muslim in Germany today

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Being Muslim - Being Jewish in Germany Today: Prospects for a Pluralistic German Society

Necla Kelek
Peter Schneider

Moderator: Stephen Kinzer

Being Muslim in Germany Today: Emergence of a "Parallel Society"?
Panel discussion at the Institute for Human Sciences at Boston University

Thursday, October 6, 6pm
Photonics Center, Boston University
8 St. Mary's Street, 9th floor
Info at 617 358 2778 or www.bu.edu/ihss

Necla Kelek analyzes the plight of many Turkish women in the Muslim "parallel society" in Germany today.

Author and journalist Peter Schneider comments on the political and cultural life of Germany in his essays in international publications.


Necla Kelek presents her book Die Fremde Braut. Ein Bericht aus dem Inneren des türkischen Lebens in Deutschland, 2005, an analysis of the forced marriages of Turkish girls and their isolation in Germany which has provoked intense debate.

Necla Kelek

Author Reading

Tuesday, October 11, 12pm
Faculty Center, Brandeis University
Reading at Brandeis University in English.
Reading at Tufts University in German.

Esther Dischereit
Jeffrey M. Peck

Being Jewish in Germany Today: Rebirth of a Community?
Panel Discussion at the Institute for Human Sciences at Boston University

Monday, October 17, 6pm
School of Management, Boston University
595 Commonwealth Avenue
Info at 617 358 2778 or www.bu.edu/ihss

In cooperation with The American Council on Germany

The author Esther Dischereit writes about growing up Jewish in post-war Germany and the German-Jewish identity of women living under the shadow of the Holocaust. Mit Eichmann an der Börse: In Jüdischen und anderen Angelegenheiten appeared in 2001.

Jeffrey M. Peck is professor at Georgetown University and AICCS Senior Fellow in Residence. He writes on national identities and minorities, especially Jewish life and culture in Germany today. His book Being Jewish in the New Germany will appear in 2006.

Sabine von Mering is Assistant Professor of German at Brandeis University.

Esther Dischereit

Author Reading

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30pm
Hertler Hall 601, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Info at 413 545 2350
Presented in cooperation with the Department of German, University of Massachusetts

Thursday, October 20, 12pm
Faculty Center, Brandeis University
Please pre-register at 781 736 2756 or European@brandeis.edu
Presented in cooperation with the Center for European and German Studies, Brandeis University

Thursday, October 20, 5:30pm
Olin Center, Laminan Lounge, Tufts University
Info at 617 727 3442 or www.tufts.edu/as/ger_rus_asian
Presented in cooperation with the German Department, Tufts University

Esther Dischereit (born 1952) presents a reading performance with short stories, essays and poems in both English and German.

Drawing on her own biography, Dischereit describes the experience of growing up Jewish in postwar Germany, a situation she has termed 'simply improbable, unreal as it were'. Her groundbreaking first novel Joerns Tisch appeared in 1988. With others she published DAVKA, Jewish Visions in Berlin, 2002.

Sinasi Dikmen

Being Muslim in Germany Today
Sinasi Dikmen: "Wahrlich, ich sage Euch - Religionen und andere Unannehmlichkeiten"
Cabaret Performance

Saturday, November 12, 8pm
Goethe-Institut Boston
Info at 617 262 6050 or www.goethe.de/boston
Presented in cooperation with the Center for European and German Studies, Brandeis University

Tuesday, November 15, 4pm
Porter House, Amherst College
Info at 413 542 2312
Presented in cooperation with the Department of German, Amherst College

Sinasi Dikmen arrived from Turkey in Germany in 1972. In his performances he deals with the linguistic challenges and sometimes tragically comical experiences of Turkish immigrants in Germany and skewers the zeitgeist of the republic. With his wife Ayse Aktop he founded Die KAS - Kabarett - Änderungsschneiderei in Frankfurt in 1997.

Presented in conjunction with Better to Write of Laughter than of Tears?
A Colloquium on German Humor
Saturday, November 12, 9am
Center for European and German Studies, Brandeis University
Info at 781 736 2756 or www.brandeis.edu/departments/cges