

LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Public Lecture

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17:30-19:00

Venue: Room COW1.11, 1st Floor, Cañada Blanch Room,
Cowdray House, LSE

“A Turbulent Period in Turkey”

Speaker: Professor Çağlar Keyder
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Chair: Associate Professor Esra Özyürek (LSE)

The recent political history of Turkey has been eventful. The Justice and Development Party (AKP) which had dominated electoral contests since 2002 failed to obtain a majority in the Parliament in June 2015. Former Prime Minister and now President Erdoğan rejected attempts to form a coalition. Instead, he announced a repeat election scheduled for November 1. The period between the two elections has seen the country slide into chaos. This talk will provide background to the current strife, and explore the implications of the outcome of the new election on both domestic and international politics.

Çağlar Keyder is LSE Centennial Professor, and Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York in Binghamton and at Koç University in İstanbul. He retired from Boğaziçi University in 2014. His work has focused on the historical sociology of Ottoman Empire/Turkey, on agrarian transformations, and on urban studies. His books include *Studies in Social History* (1982), *State and Class in Turkey* (1987), *Istanbul: Between the Global and the Local* (1999), *From the Ottoman Empire to the European Union* (2003), and *The End of Agriculture as We Knew It* (2013). He was a founding editor of the journal *New Perspectives on Turkey*, and has served on several editorial boards, including the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and *Contemporary Sociology*. He is a member of the Science Academy in Turkey.

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