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Thursday, 19 March 2015

18:00-19:30

Venue: NAB.LG.01, Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building (NAB), LSE

Public Panel:

“The State of Democracy in Turkey: Institutions, Society and Foreign Relations”

Speakers:

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Turkish democracy finds itself, in early 2015, at a critical juncture. A spate of elections – municipal, presidential, parliamentary – follow the tumultuous events of *Gezi* and mark the end of the third AKP term in office. This panel event, co-hosted by the LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Programme, and LSE Middle East Centre, brings together experts from within and outside Turkey to examine questions on the country's democracy in an in-depth and comprehensive manner. The panel will explore the question of democracy with respect to the state, its laws and society in all its richness. It will also investigate the manner in which the development of Turkish democracy influences – and is influenced by – the country's foreign relations. In particular, the focus will be on the achievements and failures of the post-2002 period of Justice and Development Party's time in government. The ultimate purpose will be to study the question of democracy in Turkey within a broader historical context and reflect on the profound changes undergone by Turkish society and politics.

This event is free and open to all. No ticket is required.

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