Universität Hamburg
DER FORSCHUNG | DER LEHRE | DER BILDUNG

TÜRKEIEUROPAZENTRUM HAMBURG

Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Hamburg

TEZ-Vortragsreihe WiSe 21/22:
Osmanische Lebenswelten. Räume und Grenzen interkommunaler Begegnung

Aris Anagnostopoulos (Kent):
Of dirt and time: Urban sanitation, colonialism and modernity in post-Ottoman Crete

Zeit & Ort:
Mittwoch, 1.12.2021, 18 bis 20 Uhr c.t., ZOOM (Zugangsdaten, s.u.)

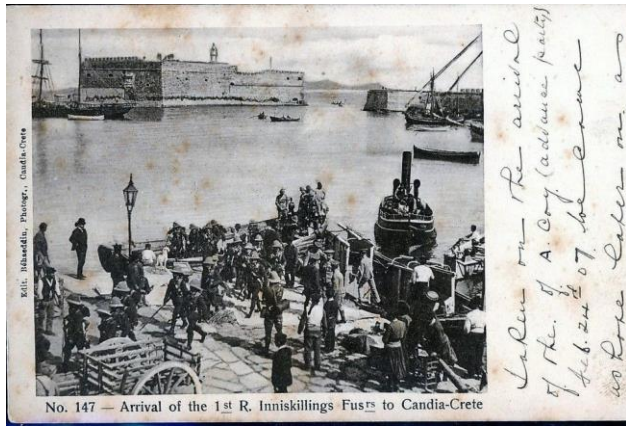

Foto: https://britishinterventionincrete.wordpress.com

The transition of Crete from Ottoman province to the polity of Autonomous Crete was the consummation of near millennial hopes of liberation and modernization that had been cultivated for more than a century. Simultaneously, it brought the island face to face with the stark economic and social realities that essentially prevented such transformation. The cities of the island, in particular, were spaces where the power struggles of newly ascendant bourgeois groups took place, framed in ethnic and religious terms. Their efforts to transform the built fabric of the city of Iraklio into a fully-fledged western metropolis were supported by the British occupying forces, and focused particularly on sanitation and propriety. As such, they implemented a series of disciplinary techniques that were tried and tested in colonial settings. These efforts were locally associated with the efforts of city Christian bourgeois to establish their dominance. Theretofore, an ambivalent regime was created, whereby all efforts to sanitise and order the "old" city were interpreted as double-faced efforts at exploitation. This presentation will put anthropological approaches to sanitation and cleanliness, ethnographic observations from city and country, and archival research in dialogue, in order to show the ways in which embodied memories, jokes, and paradoxical statements may uncover a critical sense of modernity as unfinished project in a post-Ottoman setting.

Kurzbiografie

Aris Anagnostopoulos is an anthropologist, historian and writer. His research focuses on the poetics and politics of the past in Greece. He has done ethnographic research in several archaeological projects in Greece and has published extensively on Ottoman heritage in Crete. He currently works as a public programs director with the HERITΛGE and holds an honorary lectureship at the University of Kent.

Publikationen (Auswahl)

Anagnostopoulos A., Kyriakidis, E., and Stefanou, E., forthcoming (February 2022). *Making heritage together: Archaeological ethnography and community engagement with a rural community*. London: Routledge.

Anagnostopoulos A., 2021. "Archaeological "Protection zones" and the limits of the possible. Archaeological law, abandonment and contested spaces in Greece". In: E. Solomon (ed.), *Contested antiquity: Archaeological heritage and social conflict in modern Greece and Cyprus*. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press.

Anagnostopoulos, A., 2019. "Delusion Street: commemoration and monumentality in post-Ottoman Iraklio, Crete". *History and Anthropology* 30(3): 256-275.

Anagnostopoulos A, 2018. "From 'Tourkopolis' to 'Metropolis': Transforming urban boundaries in late 19th century Iraklio, Crete." *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 61(4): 693-725.

Anagnostopoulos, A. 2016. "Cosmopolitanism or constitutive violence? the creation of "Turkish" Iraklio". In: R. Bryant (ed.), *Post-Ottoman coexistence: Sharing space in the shadow of conflict*. Oxford: Berghahn.

Zugangslink (Zoom):
https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/j/68883840814?pwd=enF0QWE1TXpBQS9GaE05MHhXcUVFQT09 (Meeting-ID: 688 8384 0814/Kenncode: 63153867)
TürkeiEuropaZentrum · Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1 Ost · 20146 Hamburg · Email: tez.aai@uni-hamburg.de · Internet: www.aai.uni-hamburg.de/tuerkeieuropa/