Topic of Discussion

In this talk, Evren Savcı will speak about her book Queer in Translation, which intervenes in queer studies’ separate, and in fact diagonally opposing approaches to neoliberalism and Islam by using the case of Turkey’s AKP governments for the past 16 years. She theorizes “neoliberal Islam” as a unique regime that brings together economic and religious moralities that work to deploy marginality onto ever expanding populations instead of concentrating it in the lower echelons of society. She suggests that sexual liberation movements are the most productive places from which to theorize neoliberal Islam as well as to imagine resistances to it, since those on the gendered and sexual margins have experienced the effects of such marginalization for longer and more intensely.

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