

# The Tragedy of Exclusion

## Global Think-in at Columbia's Global Center in Istanbul

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### Organizers

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This Global Think-in on the Tragedy of Exclusion shall foster brainstorming on critical issues of resource management and the politics of access and exclusion among a diverse group of academics and advocates. We have organized the discussions around themes that emerged from the responses to our scoping paper and previous research done by participants. We ask each participant to present his or her specific perspective on one of the themes (see the list below) – taking not more than *10 minutes maximum*. The rest of the time shall be devoted to open discussion among all participants. We hope to derive ideas for longer-term research projects from the interaction here in Istanbul and similar events in Mumbai (March 2014), Sao Paulo (planned for early 2015) and elsewhere – and to create a global network of researchers working on these important issues.

- **9.00 – 9.15: Introduction**

- Katharina Pistor (Tragedy of Exclusion as Global Research Project)
- Fikret Adaman (Contextualizing the tragedy of exclusion: Istanbul and Mumbai)

- **9.15 – 10.45 The Transformation of Land in Turkey**

- Umut Türem (state-land relations historical perspectives)
- Sinan Erensu (modernization policies, urban/rural relations)
- Ayşe Yönder (informal land and housing markets, community development, and gender issues)

- *10.45-11.15 Coffee Break*

- **11.15 – 12.45 Citizenship, Knowledge and Political Economy**
  - Hande Paker: Citizenship and Environmental Policies in Turkey
  - Ceren Soylu: Power relations in resource management
  - Pelin Tan: Urban knowledge as common knowledge
  - Murat Arsel: The Political Economy of Nature
  
- *12.45 – 14.00 pm Lunch Break*
  
- **14.00 – 15.30 Responses to Exclusion: Alternatives from Below**
  - Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu (alternative Food Initiatives)
  - Bengi Akbulut (commons as a relational concept)
  - Ayfer Bartu Candan (urban anthropology)
  - Zafer Yenil (transformation of food production in Turkey)
  
- *15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break*
  
- **15.45 – 17.15 The Geopolitics of Access to Essential Resources**
  - Fikret Şenses (geopolitics of exclusion)
  - Zuhre Aksoy (global rules of exclusion esp. IP)
  - Selver Sahin (democracy and social conflicts between exclusions and inclusion)
  
- **17.15 – 18.00: Concluding Comments**
  
- *19.00 Dinner at Sur Balık Fish Restaurant, Akarsu Yokusu Cad. No: 36-36A Floor:7 Cibangir – Beyoglu Tel: +90 212 245 1087*