



## PROGRAM

### Nature and Territory: From Epistemological Reflection to Methodological Approach

May 21 & 22, 2026

Galatasaray University

Thursday, 21 May 2026  
Aydın Doğan Amphitheatre

10.15 Opening Remarks by **Ayçanur TOP** & **Charles GRZYBOWSKI**

#### Plenary Sessions

- **Julie Alev DİLMAÇ** (GSÜ): “Thinking and Living Liminality: Negotiating Uncertainty”

#### AXIS 1: SPATIAL IMAGINARIES AND THE POLITICS OF CONCEPTUALIZING NATURE AND TERRITORY

Moderation : **Charles GRZYBOWSKI**

**Laçın İdil ÖZTIĞ** (Yıldız Technical University): “Robotic And Human Missions To Mars: Theorizing ‘Interplanetary Space’ In The Age Of Space Exploration”

**Zeynep ŞARTEPE** (Kadir Has University): “From Terra Nullius To The Airspace In The Drone Age: The Nexus Between Epistemic Power And Spatiality In Turkey”

**Ella Iris ÇİÇEKÇİLER** (IFEA): “Ethnography Of The Development Of A Sacrifice Zone: The Case Of Latmos (Turkey) In The Face Of Extractive Expansion”

**Ayçanur TOP** (Galatasaray University): “Reconceptualization Of Waste As A Common”

#### Discussions

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break



## **AXIS 2 : GOVERNING NATURE, GOVERNING COMMUNITIES: RISK, AUTHORITY AND TERRITORIALIZATION**

**Moderation : Elena ASTAFIEVA (CNRS-IFEA)**

**Marie-Claire ANDRAOS & Stéphane CARTIER (PACTE, CNRS):** “Housing At Risk: Natural Hazards, Lived Impacts, And The Territorialization Of Danger In Lebanon”

**Agnė KEREIŠIŪTĖ (Vilnius University):** “From Moving Dunes To Managed Landscape: The Soviet Curonian Spit”

**Linus KLEMP (Copenhagen University):** “What Burns During A Forest Fire? Considerations On Turkish National Territory”

**Samet ACAR (Aix Marseille University):** “A Discontinuous Territory That Shelters Nostalgia: The Case Of The Kazdağı Turkmens”

### **Discussions**

**Friday, 22 May 2026**  
**Yıldızhan Yayla Amphitheatre**

**10.15 – Welcome**

## **AXIS 3: RECONFIGURING SPACE: URBAN NATURE, LEGAL AMBIGUITIES AND SPATIAL CONTESTATIONS**

**Moderation : Cem ÖZATALAY**

**Nazlı SONGÜLEN (ODTÜ):** “From Natural Waterway To Urban Territory: Imperial Friction, Fluid Boundaries, And Legal Ambiguities In The Bosphorus, 1850s”

**Nare EYLÜL (Boğaziçi University):** “Modern Villages Of Natural Life: The Example Of BAŞKAKÖY”

**Helin KARAMAN (EHESS):** “Cultivating Order, Contesting Anonymity: A Spatialized Approach To Social Control In Istanbul’s Public Parks”

**Jülide Deniz BAYDAR HAYYAOĞLU (Hacettepe University):** “Creating Monastic Territory With Nature: Yediler Monastery On Mount Latros”

**Kiraz ÖZDOĞAN (Independent Researcher):** “Nature-Territory Dichotomy And Beyond: Yedikule Historical Vegetable Gardens”

### **Discussions**



### **13.00-14.00 Lunch Break**

### **14.00-17.00 Workshop**

GIS Workshop Conducted by **Dr. Youenn GOURAIN** (LATTS)

\* Participants are kindly asked to bring their laptops.

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**18.45 Closing Remarks by Nadia FANTON, Consul General of France in Turkey**

**Cocktail**