

IFEA – IGU URBAN COMMISSION JOINT WORKSHOP

22 August 2026

9.30 Welcome coffee

Panel: Urban Research Perspectives on Turkish Cities

10H00-12h00

Tuğçe Tezer

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

Visible and Invisible Antakya: The Two Faces of Reconstruction after the Earthquake of 2023

Gülçin Erdi

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Ankara, the Mirror of Modern Turkey: Utopias, Power and Resistances

Gizem Kosova

Galatasaray University

The Contradictory Emotional Landscape of Tourism Gentrification: The Case of Küçükpazar, Eminönü

Dilek Karabulut

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University – IFEA

The Politics of Urban (Re)Development in Istanbul: The Cases of the Istanbul Financial Centre and the Fikirtepe Urban Transformation Project

12h-12h45 Lunch break on site (provided by IFEA)

Urban Field Visit

Mega-Projects, Urban Development and Urban Palimpsest in Istanbul

13H00-17H30*

This urban excursion offers a reading of Istanbul's contemporary transformations through the lens of mega-projects and their effects on the urban fabric. The itinerary begins at Çamlıca Hill and its monumental mosque, symbols of the current government's architectural and political ambitions. It continues to the Istanbul Finance Center and its surrounding areas, notably the 1 Mayıs neighbourhood, whose social and political history sheds light on the tensions between popular memory and the new financial centrality. The route finally passes through Fikirtepe, emblematic of urban renewal policies and their consequences for resident populations. Through these three stops, the excursion invites participants to consider Istanbul as an urban palimpsest, where historical layers, speculative logics, and social recompositions overlap.

Organizers: Gülçin Erdi and Dilek Karabulut

Itinerary:

1. Çamlıca Hill and Çamlıca Mosque
2. Istanbul Finance Center and its neighbouring urban areas
3. Passing through Fikirtepe, a major urban transformation area

*The schedule may be subject to delays depending on traffic conditions in Istanbul.