**The Department of Gender Studies**

**2016-2017 Public Lecture Series**

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**Feminist Critiques of Militarism in Turkey: A Historical Overview and Contemporary Questions**

5:30 p.m., 12 October 2016, Popper Room (Monument Building)

In the wake of a coup attempt in July 2016, this presentation will discuss the history of feminist scholarship and activism on militarism in Turkey and examine the contemporary debates and challenges. The first part of the talk will provide a historical overview of the ways in which Turkey's political culture has been shaped by gendered militarization and analyze feminist critiques of such militarization. In the second part, contemporary challenges faced by feminist scholars and activists will be discussed, with a particular focus on the "Kurdish question" and the recent coup attempt.

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