



Public space is the place for assembly of people, empowerment of persons. It is the hub of democracy as well as the manifestation of state power. PublicDemoS Project explores the ways in which new forms of public agency extends politics to everyday life experiences, opening up avenues of artistic expressions and aesthetic forms. The core aim of this project is to renew democratic agendas by politics of performative citizenship and public making in multicultural settings.

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# PROGRAM

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The public space is not an empty neutral place, nor it is devoid of power relations. It is deeply imbued with regulation of social space, layers of memory, offering a scene for present day politics, but also an historical archive with different temporalities, inhabitants, monuments and events. Can physical space contribute to creating commonalities and linkage points between different publics? Or does the space, as a marker of identity and power politics become an obstacle for cultural sharing and society making? The claims over meaning and ownership of public space opening up a battlefield over its competing interpretations and contested memories will be discussed as part of global democratic agendas.

9:30 Welcoming coffee

10:00 **Nilüfer Göle**, Contested Places of Worship:  
Intercultural Conflicts Beyond the Frontiers

10:30-12:30 **Session 1**

10:30 **Levent Yılmaz**, Spectacle of Power and Places of  
Memory

11:00 **Mechtild Widrich**, Memory and Monuments:  
An Update on Site-Specificity

11:30 **Ali Akay**, How the Language Become an Arm for  
the Visual Art ?

12:00 Debate

12:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 **Session 2**

13:30 **Lynda Zein**, Spatio-temporal Reference Points:  
The Case of Syria

14:00 **Nazlı Temir**, Emergence of Plural Memories in  
Public: The Case of Armenians

14:30 **Parand Danesh**, Spatial Memory and Grieving  
Obstruction in Post-War Iran

15:00 Debate

15:30 Coffee break

16:00-18:00 **Session 3**

16:00 **Barbara Carnevali**, Social Sensibility

16:30 **Erinç Aslanboğa**, Transformation of Space as an  
Individual and Collective Experience

17:00 **Helin Karaman**, Regulating Collective Behavior in  
Public Parks

17:30 **Andreas Koller**, Notes on Public Space

18:00 Debate

18:30 Concluding Remarks