

Turkish Studies Symposium 2021

Freedom of the Press at the Borders of Europe: Turkey and the Mediterranean

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

2:00-2:10 P.M. — Welcoming remarks

2:10-2:30 P.M. — Presentation by Asmae Dachan

Asmae Dachan is a Syrian-Italian freelance journalist, poet, and writer. She is a contributor to several Italian newspapers and magazines such as *Avvenire*, *Vita non Profit*, *Senza Filtro*, *Venerdì di Repubblica*, and *Confronti*, focusing on the Middle East, migration, inter-religious dialogue, and international terrorism. Dachan has won several journalistic and literary awards. In 2019, she received from the President of the Italian Republic the nomination of “Cavaliere” of the Italian Republic. She is Ambassador of Peace of the University for Peace – Switzerland and a volunteer rescuer of the Italian Red Cross.

2:30-2:50 P.M. — Presentation by Anna Lekas Miller

Anna Lekas Miller is a London-based journalist, focussing on the ways that borders and immigration controls impact people around the world. She has covered stories of migrants and refugees everywhere from Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey to the United Kingdom and the United States with a special focus on the political rhetoric and media narratives surrounding migration. She is currently working on her first book, *Love in the Time of Borders* and writes a weekly newsletter covering both love and borders that you can sign up for here: <https://annalekasmiller.substack.com>. You can also follow her on Twitter: @agoodcuppa.

2:50-3:10 P.M. — Presentation by Giacomo Zandonini

Giacomo Zandonini is a Swiss-Italian journalist whose work explored mobility, identities and European policies in the Mediterranean and West Africa. He published for Al Jazeera, The Guardian, Der Spiegel, Mediapart, Deutsche Welle, The Correspondent, The New Humanitarian and other media outlets. He contributed to investigations highlighting human rights violations, surveillance programmes, corruption and diversion of public funds. He received a Migration Media Award in 2017 and a special mention at the Trues Story Award in 2019.

3:10-3:25 P.M. — Q&A

3:25-3:30 P.M. — Closing remarks

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