

Research Project

Political Participation, Emotion and Affect in the Context of Socio-Political Transformations – The Cases of “Tahrir” and “Taksim”

Project funded by own resources

Project title Political Participation, Emotion and Affect in the Context of Socio-Political Transformations – The Cases of “Tahrir” and “Taksim”

Principal Investigator(s) Ayata, Bilgin ; Harders, Cilja ;

Co-Investigator(s) Özkaya, Dery ; Wahba, Dina ;

Organisation / Research unit

Departement Gesellschaftswissenschaften / Politische Soziologie (Ayata)

Project Website <http://www.sfb-affective-societies.de/en/teilprojekte/C/C01/index.html>

Project start 01.07.2015

Probable end 31.07.2023

Status Completed

This project examines the role of emotions and affect for political participation and transformation processes in the MENA region by analyzing the cases of Egypt and Turkey. The ‘Tahrir’ and ‘Taksim’ squares are two recent examples of mass mobilization whose affective dynamics received worldwide media attention. Euphoria, anger, fear or joy were frequently mentioned, yet understudied emotions that accompanied the emergent political practices on the squares. The project asks whether the affective dynamics of the square can reach beyond the political centers and thereby lead to new forms of political participation at the local level. So far, it is unclear if and how these affective collective experiences travel beyond the “square moments” in spatial and temporal distance. The comparison between the two square moments allows for the identification of context-specific as well as similar emotive repertoires. This yields important findings to the question about the transformative power of affective and emotional dynamics in political processes.

Financed by

Other funds

Add publication

Add documents

Specify cooperation partners

ID	Kreditinhaber	Kooperationspartner	Institution	Laufzeit - von	Laufzeit - bis
3401441	Ayata, Bilgin	Prof. Harders, Cilja, Chair of Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics	Freie Universität Berlin, Sonderforschungsbereich 1171 Affective Societies	01.07.2015	30.06.2019