



İSTANBUL  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## Imagining the City: Representations of İstanbul from Art to Life (21-22 November Pera Museum)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

10:15-10:30 Opening

Ekrem Işın (İstanbul Research Institute)

Olcay Akyıldız-Zeynep Uysal (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi)  
“Dream City”

### I. Session: The Imperial Capital: Byzantium and Ottoman Chair: Cem Behar (Şehir University)

10:30 Koray Durak (Boğaziçi University)  
A World Capital? The Representation of Constantinople by  
Medieval Peoples

10:50 Hatice Aynur (Şehir University) / Selim S. Kuru (University of  
Washington Seattle) İstanbul Envisaged by a Divan Poet

11:10 Çiğdem Kafesçioğlu (Boğaziçi University)  
Depicting the Street and the Public Square in Ottoman İstanbul

(Intermission)

12:00 Irvin C. Schick (Şehir University)  
A Carnal Imagining of İstanbul

12:20 Ahmet Ersoy (Boğaziçi University)  
Letters of the City: Street Archives in the Age of Photography

(Lunch Break)

**II. Session: Writing the City**  
**Chair: Murat Gülsoy (Boğaziçi University)**

**14.15** Halim Kara (Boğaziçi University)  
Imaging the pre-Conquest İstanbul in Turkish Historical Novels

**14.35** Zeynep Uysal (Boğaziçi University)  
A Foe City or the Other İstanbul

**(Intermission)**

**15:45** Ekrem Işın (İstanbul Research Institute)  
The İstanbul of İlhan Berk

**16:05** Deniz Aktan (Şehir University)  
The “Idle” İstanbul of Novels

**16:45 Film Screening**

**18.30 Cocktail Reception**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**III. Session: The City as an “Orientalist” Stage**

**13:30 - 14:30** Olcay Akyıldız - Irvin C. Schick

A talk on Alain Robbe-Grillet’s *L’Immortelle* (1963)

**(Intermission)**

**IV. Session: Faces of the City**

**Chair: Murat Seçkin (İstanbul University)**

**14:50** Ayfer Bartu-Biray Kolluoğlu (Boğaziçi University)

The Multiplying Shores of the City

**15:10** Canan Balan (Şehir University)

Films in Search of their Home: The İstanbul of Lütfi Akad

**15:30** Naz Bulamur (Boğaziçi University)

Istanbulues: İstanbul and Nostalgia in the Works of Orhan Pamuk and Julia Kristeva

**(Intermission)**

**V. Session: Experiencing the City**

**Chair: Zafer Yenil (Boğaziçi University)**

**16:20** Ayça Gürdal (Psychiatrist / Member of the Psychoanalysis Association in İstanbul and the Association of Psychoanalysis in Paris)

City Imaginings on the Couch: İstanbul on Fire

**16:40** Derya Özkan (University of Munich)

Imagining “Cool İstanbul”

**17:00** Feride Çiçekoğlu (Bilgi University)

Insurgent City: The Opposition Threshold in pre-Gezi Protest İstanbul Films

**17:10 - 17:35 Discussion**