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Chamber Talks

With a view to adding a fresh perspective to İstanbul studies, the Chamber Talks resumes its journey. The second session of the Chamber Talks' 2011-2012 season is taking place on the 22nd December with Doç. Dr. Kayahan Türkantoz on the topic ***Contemporary Mosque Architecture Trends in Turkey***.

22 December Thursday, 18.30

Doç. Dr. Kayahan Türkantoz

Contemporary Mosque Architecture Trends in Turkey

Compared to Turkish mosque architecture in the pre-Republican period, contemporary mosque architecture in Turkey has been the subject to fewer studies. The objective of this paper is to provide a general evaluation of Turkish mosque architecture in the Republican period, to determine various stylistic tendencies observed in the structures, and to examine the social motivations behind these. An overall view of the mosques of the period in question reveals two distinct tendencies and two fundamental categories that correspond to them: "mosques of original design" and "mosques of traditional design". It can be argued that the mosques in the first category mentioned above are fewer in number, whereas the examples adhering to traditional schemes are incomparably more widespread. Another topic of discussion will be the reasons of the preference of certain schemes among these.