

10.-16.11.2014 Türkeiwoche im Rahmen des Deutsch-Türkischen
Wissenschaftsjahres

Guest Lecture and students reading excerpts from the Chronicles and Memoirs of Halide Edip Adıvar and Grace Ellison

FB 10 - MA Transnational Literatures and BA English-
Speaking Cultures - English Literatures



Thursday, 13th Nov 2014

**10:00 - 12:00 | Guesthouse Bremen University; Teerhof;
Auf dem Teerhof 58; 28199 Bremen**

Programme:

10:00 Welcome (Dr Jana Nittel, FB 10)

10:15 - 11:00 Reading British and Turkish Women's Life Writing:
"Feminist Dialogues across Cultures": Ecaterina Buliga, Carmen
Estébanez Camarena, María Herrera Cárdenas and Alexandra Kind (MA
TNL and BA E-SC)

11:00 - 11:45 Guest lecture by Dr Hülya Adak (Sabancı Üniversitesi,
Istanbul, Turkey) "Feminism a la Halide Edib: Critical Reflections on
her fiction, activism and memoirs (1908-1940)"

Abstract: Most biographies of Halide Edib delineate her as "feminist." However
scholarly works do not necessarily focus on historicizing or describing her feminist
politics. Was she a part of the vibrant women's movement together with Nezihe
Muhiddin in the 1920s? Was she advocating Kemalist reforms concerning women?
What clues can her novels, starting from *Raik'in Annesi* (1909) to *The Clown and His
Daughter* (1935) provide us regarding the type of gender dynamics she promotes?
How can we analyze the woman protagonists she employs in her novels? In this
lecture, Hülya Adak will explore Edib's fiction in conjunction with her memoirs (i.e.
Memoirs and *The Turkish Ordeal*) and first-person narratives (including *Turkey Faces
West* and *Inside India*) to underline her changing questions and critical reflections
on feminism.

All students and faculty members are warmly welcome!

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