

**The Centre for Feminist Research and Sexuality Studies Present:**



*Violent Intimacies:*

*Transgender Embodiment, Law, and the  
State in Contemporary Turkey*

*A Talk by Dr. Asli Zengin, Visiting Scholar,  
Sexuality Studies & Centre for Feminist Research*

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015 | 3:00-4:30pm | 519, Kaneff Tower**

**Introduced by Sexuality Studies Coordinator Dr. Allyson Mitchell**

In Turkey, there is little institutional room for ambiguous or ambivalent sex and gender. The state is active in producing and deploying medico-legal projects that constantly strive to disambiguate the ambiguously sexed and gendered bodies, and recruit them as unambiguous heteronormative national subjects.

In her talk, Dr. Zengin will focus on how the dominant categories of sex and gender gain definition through the formation of violent intimacies and proximities between the Turkish state and transgender people.

**Dr. Zengin's** research interests include the body, gender, sexuality, queer theory, anthropology of law, medical anthropology, the state, violence, and contemporary issue in the Middle East with a special focus on Turkey.

**Light refreshments served. RSVP to [juliapyr@yorku.ca](mailto:juliapyr@yorku.ca)**