

**The Institute for the  
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**Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library**

# **Turkey, Syria, and the Kurds**

Our confirmed speaker is ICSS member **Mehmet Bayram**, freelance journalist, who currently writes for the Sendika.org news outlet, which has been shut down 62 times by the Turkish government. He has recently returned from Turkey and will clarify the situation. Here's a preview: Turkish invasion of Syria serves many purposes for the Turkish regime. It distracts the masses from the harsh economic realities of capitalism, it unites the Turkish people fed with nationalism behind the fascist dictator when his voter support has fallen below 40%, it kindles the old flame of building the Islamic-Turkish empire that died after the WW1, it legitimizes the barbaric attacks with the long held hatred against the Kurds, it demands funds from the West to keep the "hordes of refugees" from reaching the metropolitan centers of Europe, and, yes, it exposes the hypocrisy of imperialism, to be used as blackmail against Erdoğan's bosses that created him. Erdoğan is trying to capitalize on the contradictions within the imperialist camp and tries playing one against the other by forcing the issues that will benefit his presidency and him personally, until, of course, his personal wealth is put on the table. The victims of course are the Kurds, Arabs, Yazidis, Armenians. This invasion, supported by the imperialist centers has become an ethnic cleansing tool for the Turkish racist nationalists to use against the Kurds.

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**6501 Telegraph Ave, Oakland (just North of Alcatraz Ave.)**

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