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An Uneasy Coexistence: Rethinking Minority Lives in Turkey

Debates around religious coexistence in the Middle East often assume that there is inherent conflict among diverse religious communities. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork, this talk focuses on intermarriage among Turkey's Jewish, Christian, and Alawi citizens and its impact on religious difference. I argue that religious differences are not so much defined by religious or state authorities as they are dynamically reproduced in daily contexts of intimacy and living together.

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