



## ZMO-Colloquium Winter Term 2018/2019

*Performing Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia*

Wednesday, 12 December 2018, 5 pm

### ***Pembe Hayat KuirFest:*** **A Queer Film Festival from Ankara to Berlin**

Lecture by **Esra Özban** (Pink Life KuirFest)  
and **Selim Özdar** (bi'bak, Berlin)

#### Venue

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13359 Berlin

*Pembe Hayat KuirFest* (Pink Life Queer Festival) is the only queer film festival in Turkey. The festival has started in Ankara in 2011 and has expanded ever since, having screenings in five other cities in Turkey. Pink Life KuirFest has also collaborated with many organizations and festivals abroad. In June and July 2018, Esra Özban has prepared a six-week film screening program dedicated to queer perspectives on migration, in collaboration with bi'bak Berlin. This event at the ZMO will feature a selection of short queer movies from Turkey curated by Pink Life KuirFest, which intends to open up a debate on the changing landscape of queer cinema and LGBTI+ movement in Turkey.

After completing her BA in Economics at Boğaziçi University, **Esra Özban** continued her graduate studies at the Goldsmiths College, University of London in the MA program 'Film and Screen Studies'. She has been working as a curator and coordinator at Pink Life KuirFest since 2014. Esra teaches film-related courses at Bilkent and TED Universities and she is a member of newly founded Athens Collective.

**Selim Özdar** is a communication coordinator and strategic designer based in Amsterdam and Berlin. After graduating from Istanbul Bilgi University, Selim continued his graduate studies at Aalto University in Helsinki, in the MA program "International Design Business Management". He worked in several international development projects using human-centered design methodologies. Currently, he is doing research on coloniality of world-forming and working at bi'bak.

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