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Our newsletter focuses on issues relating to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory. More details about items in our newsletter (and more!) can be found on our [website](#).

Both our website and newsletter provide information and resources to encourage innovative interdisciplinary, transnational and comparative research. They are housed at the [Institute for the Study of Human Rights](#) at Columbia University, New York City.

The Network is devoting its blog space in this issue to condemn the arrests of 13 activists in Turkey, among them AHDA alumna Asena Gunal, and longtime friend of the AHDA program, Meltem Aslan, for their links to activist and philanthropist Osman Kavala. While they have been released, these activists' detention points to the alarming and continued attacks on civil society organizations and on voices that are critical of the Turkish government. It is, as the European Parliament's Turkey rapporteur Kati Piri writes, "another brutal assault on Turkish civil society." The below photograph and article were published on Nov. 16, 2018, by [Amnesty International](#); readers can also find coverage in the [Washington Post](#); [Reuters](#); [Radio Free Europe](#); and elsewhere. Osman Kavala has now been imprisoned for approximately 13 months without being charged.

Turkey: Brutal crackdown continues with new wave of activist arrests



“Osman Kavala and all those detained today must be immediately and unconditionally released, and the crackdown against Turkey’s independent civil society must be brought to an end” - Andrew Gardner

Turkish authorities have today detained 13 activists in connection with the investigation into jailed human rights defender Osman Kavala.

Responding to the detentions, Andrew Gardner, Amnesty International’s Turkey Strategy and Research Manager, said:

“This latest wave of detentions of academics and activists, on the basis of absurd allegations, shows that the authorities are intent on continuing their brutal crackdown of independent civil society, and shatters any illusion that Turkey is normalising following the lifting of the state of emergency.

“The fact that they have been detained in relation to innocuous activities alleged around the overwhelmingly peaceful ‘Gezi Park’ protests in 2013 shows how desperate Turkish authorities are to crack down on any form of dissent.

“It is telling that the detentions are part of the investigation into the jailed civil society leader, Osman Kavala, who - more than a year after his detention - is yet to be indicted or have evidence of an internationally-recognised crime presented against him.

“Osman Kavala and all those detained today must be immediately and unconditionally released, and the crackdown against Turkey’s independent civil society must be brought to an end.”

Detention orders have reportedly been issued against 20 individuals so far in four Turkish cities in relation to alleged activities around the overwhelmingly peaceful Gezi Park protests that took place across Turkey following the violent police dispersal of a small group of protestors in Istanbul in May 2013. The 13 individuals currently in detention include civil society activists connected to Anadolu Kültür, an organisation led by Osman Kavala, and the Open Society Institute where he was a board member in Turkey.

The allegations against those detained include organising meetings to “deepen and spread” the Gezi Park protests, inviting trainers and moderators on the subjects of “civil disobedience and non-violent activism”, carrying out media activities to continue the “Gezi Park process” and activities to stop the export of tear gas to Turkey.

The detainees

According to information from the Istanbul Security Directorate, detainees include Anadolu Kültür staff alongside prominent civil society activists. Those detained are: Asena Günal, Ayşegül Güzel, Bora Sarı, Filiz Telek, Hakan Altınay, Hande Özhabeş, Meltem Aslan, Yiğit Ali Emekçi, Yiğit Aksakoğlu, Yusuf Cıvır as well as Turgut Tarhanlı, a prominent human rights law professor, Betül Tanbay, professor of mathematics, and film producer Çiğdem Mater.

Join the 2018 AHDA fellows at the [Institute for the Study of Human Rights Winter Reception](#) on December 6, 2018, and come hear the fellows speak about their work at the [mini-AHDAconference](#), on December 13.

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[Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability Fellowship Program](#)
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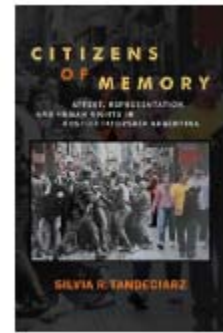
[MORE ON SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Read Magdalena Zolkos' [review](#) of Henry Rousso's *The Latest Catastrophe. History, the Present, the Contemporary*. Rousso's innovative text explores historiographic questions that emerge when historians study 'traumatic' events that they have lived through.



Interested in reviewing a book? Below are a list of books currently available for review. Interested in proposing a book for review? E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!

- Klein, Dennis B., ed. *Societies Emerging from Conflict: The Aftermath of Atrocity*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018.
- Parikh, Crystal. [Writing Human Rights: The Political Imaginaries of Writers of Color](#). U of Minnesota Press, 2017.
- Tandeciarz, Silvia R. [Citizens of Memory: Affect, Representation, and Human Rights in Postdictatorship Argentina](#). Bucknell University Press, 2017.



OPPORTUNITIES

Select postings for career and academic advancement.

ALL OPPORTUNITIES

[Training: Making Mediation & Peace Processes Work: Peacemaking in Deeply Divided Societies and Challenging Contexts](#)

London, United Kingdom

Dates: December 3-5, 2018

[University of Chicago – Instructor in Human Rights](#)

Deadline: December 13, 2018

[Greenberg Research Fellowship for PhD candidates; Katz Research Fellowship in Genocide Studies; Breslauer, Rutman, and Anderson Research Fellowship](#)

University of Southern California

Deadline: December 15, 2018

[CfP: The Ethical Challenges of Recovering Historical Memory](#)

Deadline for proposals: December 15, 2018

[CfP: Techniques of Memory: Landscape, Iconoclasm, Medium and Power](#) Global Urban Humanities Initiative

Location: University of California, Berkeley

Deadline: December 20, 2018

[CfP: Imaging Emigration—Translating Exile: Cultural Translation and Knowledge Transfer on Alternative Routes of Escape from Nazi Terror in/via Austria](#)

University of Graz and the Institute for Contemporary History, University of Innsbruck

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Deadline: December 31, 2018

[CfA: DAPIM – Studies on the Holocaust: 2018 Article Prize Competition](#)

Deadline: December 31, 2018

[Call for Applications: Lessons and Legacies Munich](#)

Munich, Germany

Deadline: December 31, 2018

[CfP: International Conference on War and Social Movements](#)

Graduate Center of the City University of New York

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Deadline: December 31, 2018

Concordia University

[Research Postdoc in Social Justice](#)

Deadline: January 5, 2019

[CfA: Close Encounters in War Journal – n. 2, Special Issue: Displacement and Close Encounters in War](#)

Deadline: January 7, 2019

[CfP: Frontiers in Prevention II, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention](#)

Binghamton University

Deadline: January 10, 2019

[Exploring the Transnational Neighbourhood: Integration, Community, and Co-Habitation](#)

A conference of the UCD Humanities Institute, University College Dublin in collaboration with The Institute of Modern Languages Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London

Deadline: January 10, 2019

[CfP Exploring the Transnational Neighbourhood: Integration, Community, and Co-Habitation](#)

University College Dublin

Deadline: January 10, 2019

CfP: Re-visiting the Black Atlantic: Gender, 'Race' and Performance

University of Liverpool, UK

Send abstracts (200-300 words) and bio to lisa.shaw@liv.ac.uk.

Deadline: January 14, 2019

[CfP: Remembrance, Trauma and Experiential Learning](#)

University of Turku, Finland

Deadline: January 15, 2019

CfP: Workshop

[20 years after the NATO intervention in Yugoslavia: Local, Regional and Global Aspects of 'Humanitarian interventions'](#)

Location: Leipzig, Germany

CfP Deadline: January 15, 2019

[Atrocities in Children's Literature](#)

Deadline: January 15, 2019

[CfP: Atrocity in Children's Literature \(edited collection\)](#)

Please send proposals to atrocitinchildrenslit@gmail.com.

Deadline: January 15, 2019

Myths, Memories and Economies: Post-Socialist Transformations in Comparison

Warsaw, Poland

Deadline: January 15, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Select activities related to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory.

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[Recognition, Reparation, Reconciliation: The Light and Shadow of Historical Trauma](#)

Dates: December 5-9, 2018

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

[Institute for the Study of Human Rights Winter Reception](#)

Date: December 6, 2018

Location: Columbia University, New York

[Memory, Migration and Movement](#)

Date: December 7-8, 2018

Location: Paris, France

[Genocide after 1948: 70 years of Genocide Convention](#)

Date: December 7-8, 2018

Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands

[2018 AHDA Fellows Final Project Presentations](#)

Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA)

Date: December 13, 2018

Location: Columbia University, New York

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