

*Center for International Studies – Albuquerque International Association*

# ***“The New Ottomans: Turkey’s Muslim Nationalists”***

***Dr. Jenny White, Boston University***

**January 22 (Sun), 3:00 – 5:00 PM at UNM Continuing Ed. Auditorium**

1634 University Blvd NE (at the intersection with Indian School Rd.)

**To all appearances, Turkey is caught in a fierce battle between secularist and Muslim sectors of the population, with one side accusing the other of heavy-handed imposition of its own values and practices. What is clear is that since the 1980s a new "self-consciously" Muslim elite has mounted a powerful political and economic challenge to the traditional secular elite. In doing so, it has developed an alternative unorthodox definition of the nation based on a nostalgic revival of Turkey’s Ottoman past, pushing aside the Republican model. The outcome has been revolutionary in its transformation of Turkish society and politics, but this transformation does not map neatly onto our expectations of what “secular” and “Muslim” mean.**

**Jenny White** is associate professor of anthropology at Boston University, former president of the Turkish Studies Association and of the American Anthropological Association Middle East Section, and sits on the board of the Institute of Turkish Studies. She has received numerous grants and fellowships from, among others, the Social Science Research Council, the MacArthur Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and Fulbright-Hays. She is author of *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics* (2002) (Winner of 2003 Douglass Prize for best book in Europeanist anthropology); *Money Makes Us Relatives: Women’s Labor in Urban Turkey* (second edition, London: Routledge, 2004); and *Muslim Nationalism and the New Turks* (forthcoming). She has authored numerous articles on Turkey and lectures internationally on topics ranging from political Islam and nationalism to ethnic identity and gender issues. All of her books have been translated into Turkish.

She also has written three historical novels set in nineteenth-century Istanbul, *The Sultan’s Seal* (2006), *The Abyssinian Proof* (2008), and *The Winter Thief* (2010). *The Sultan’s Seal* has appeared in fifteen languages. It was named one of the top ten first novels of 2006 by *Booklist* and was shortlisted for the 2006 Ellis Peters Historical Crime Award.

***Cost/lecture: \$15/ Members, \$20/Non-Members; Students with a proper ID–free of charge. Please address the check to AIA and mail it to AIA, PO Box 92995, Albuquerque, NM 87199***

***AIA Members’ Season Opening Reception with the Speaker will follow the lecture. It will feature Turkish cuisine & will take place at the Franklin Residence. Payment for reception (\$12/AIA Members) should be made before Jan.18<sup>th</sup>.***

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