



## Global Learning Center December Event

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2016  
AT 6:00 P.M.

OLIVE TREE BANQUET HALL

2949 N ROCK RD, WICHITA, KS 67226

### *Gezi, Gülen, and the Failed Coup in Turkey* *Contestations of Democracy during Times of Crisis*

JENS KREINATH (WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY)

Dinner:

Members \$12,  
Non-Members \$14,  
Students \$10,  
or Listen for Free

**RSVP** by Dec 1st: to  
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6:00 Social  
6:30 Dinner  
7:00 Presentation,  
Q&A

This talk covers the latest political developments in Turkey. Starting with the Gezi protests during the summer of 2013 that were directed at the government, it aims to promote a better understanding of the internal dynamics of Turkish politics. The split between the Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Fetullah Gülen, the leader of an international Islamic organization named after its leader, can be traced also to 2013 who worked together until then. On July 15, 2016, the attempt of a military coup was stopped by the intervention of Turkish government and led due to some unquestionable evidence to the accusation of the Gülen Movement being involved in the military coup. Since then Turkey is in a state of emergency, where not only Gülen followers but also other government opponents and critics are persecuted.



Jens Kreinath received his PhD from the University of Heidelberg and is associate professor of socio-cultural anthropology at Wichita State University. Kreinath is teaching religion, Islam, and the Middle East as well as linguistic and visual anthropology. He is co-editor of *Dynamics of Changing Rituals* (2004) and *Theorizing Rituals* (2006-2007), and editor of *Anthropology of Islam Reader* (2012). Aside from extended research articles in the *Journal of Ritual Studies* (2012) and *Visual Anthropology* (2012), his ethnographic and historical research focuses on shared pilgrimage sites in Hatay and their impact on the inter-religious culture of Southern Turkey. The findings of his research are published among other venues in the *Journal for the Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia* (2014). He was guest researcher in 2015 at the Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) in Oslo and in 2016 at the Max Planck Institute for Anthropological Research (MPI) in Halle.