The Turkish Republic at Its Centennial: Towards or Beyond Post-Kemalism?

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In her keynote lecture, Prof. Nilüfer Göle will revisit the promise and prospect of the Turkish Republic, which was founded in 1923. Over the course of one hundred years, Turkey has been described as a bridge between Europe and Asia; as a secular role model for Muslim countries or increasingly as an example of authoritarian regress. What is the state of the Republic amidst massive transformations and key challenges that Turkey faces at its centennial and beyond?

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