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Creative Writing Workshop

Yadé Kara (Berlin)

Postcolonial Writer in Residence 2014

Thursday, 17 July – Saturday, 19 July 2014

During her stay at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Berlin's award-winning author Yadé Kara offers a creative writing workshop for interested students from the 17th until the 19th July at Campus Essen. You can register and will be provided with further information by Lioba Schreyer via email: lioba.schreyer@uni-due.de.



Yadé Kara was born in Turkey, grew up learning three languages, studied German and English and lived in different megacities, among them London and Hong Kong. She worked as an actress, a teacher, a manager and as a journalist. She found inspiration for her first novel *Selam Berlin* (2003, Diogenes) (Deutscher Bücherpreis 2004 and Adelbert von Chamisso-Förderpreis 2004) in a café in Hong Kong. Like his creator, Hasan, the protagonist of *Selam Berlin* and *Café Cyprus* (2010, Diogenes), is a modern nomad: born in Turkey, he migrates to Berlin, experiences the fall of the Berlin Wall, moves to London where he works in Café Cyprus, sells kebab and clothes, falls in love with fashion student Hannah and gives his Turkish family a guided tour through his English home of choice while in his imagination, he likes to travel back to Istanbul. Yadé Kara writes urban novels from a transnational perspective, which point to common assumptions about cultural particularities and undermine them ironically.

On July 17th, 6 p.m., Yadé Kara will read from her novels in the Bibliothekssaal (R09 T00 K18) at Campus Essen. The Creative Writing Workshop takes place from July 17-18th.