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Networked Resistance as Hybrid Third Place: Notes from a Cyber-Ethnography on the Gezi Park Protests in Istanbul

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Firat Erdoğan analyzes the series of protests that took place in Turkey during the summer of 2013, commonly referred to as the Gezi Resistance. Based on the ethnographic work he carried out in the 'digital', as well as the 'actual' spaces he intends to demonstrate how the hybrid locality of resistance functioned as a 'third place'. By doing so, he relies on the metaphorization of Ray Oldenburg's spatial category. Erdoğan will also share anecdotes and observations on the ways in which collective agency unfolded and manifested itself in rhizomatic modes, as in other instances of contemporary 'networked social movements.' He is interested in the ways in which affects such as joy and humour have been generated during and utilized for the performance of such subjectivity.

Firat Erdoğan is a scholar of digital humanities, whose practice-led research revolves around the various ways in which new media technologies reflect and refract the articulation, manifestation, dissemination and transformation of emergent political subjectivities. He studied economics, history, media anthropology and computer programming in Istanbul, Rotterdam, New York City and 'the Internet.' He lectured at various localities in Turkey, Europe and the United States. Erdoğan was working as faculty of New Media and the founding director of DigiLapZ (Digital Media Laboratory and Production Zone) in Istanbul, until becoming another drop in the ocean of 'academic cleansing' in Turkey. He is currently an Academy in Exile Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen.