

The Department of Germanic Studies is pleased to announce the forthcoming

Horizons of Knowledge

Lecture

by



Zafer Şenocak

Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30pm, Lecture and discussion (Persimmon Room; IMU):

“Germany’s Past/Turkish Presence: Memory and Identity”

The lecture will draw on Şenocak’s most well-known novel, *Gefährliche Verwandtschaft* (soon to be out in English translation as *Perilous Kinship*), a text which critically engages the representation of, and relations between, Jewish and Turkish identities in postwar German society, as well as the politics of memory in contemporary Turkish society.

Wednesday, April 15, at 12:30pm (Redbud Room; IMU):

Poetry reading (German and English)

The poetry reading will be from the newly translated collection *Door Languages*. Transl. Elizabeth Oehlkers Wright (Zephyr Press, Brookline MA).

Born in Ankara in 1961, Zafer Şenocak has been living in Germany since 1970, where he has become a leading voice in the German discussions on immigration, national and cultural identity, Islam (and Christianity) in politics and culture. A regular contributor to daily and weekly newspapers and journals (ranging from *Die tageszeitung* to *Die Welt*), Şenocak is also a widely published poet and fiction writer who has won several prestigious literary awards. His works have been translated into Turkish, English, French, Dutch, and Hebrew. Currently, he is Max Kade Distinguished Visitor and writer in residence at the Foreign Languages and Literatures Section at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

This event is co-sponsored by: Horizons of Knowledge, The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program, the Cultural Studies Program, and the Department of Comparative Literature.