

Corporatism and fears: Islamist press after June 2013 - Michelangelo Guida

Turkish Islamist press has been influenced essentially by three contingencies: partisanship, lack of political autonomy and lack of economic autonomy. To understand these factors five Islamist columnists' interpretations of two recent events will be analysed: the Gezi Park protests and the 17-25 December 2013 corruption scandals. The columnists' different approaches, understandings of the events, and the evolutions of their opinions will show how partisanship is constructed in a context of corporatist relations between politics, civil society, media, and the economy. This analysis provides a granular look at how the different Islamist columnists produced highly contrasting responses to government policies and choices, giving a unique insight into the intellectual dynamics within the Islamist community as the coup approached.