

Call for Papers
for the International Conference
**Contemporary Turkish Studies at a Glance - Topics,
Institutions and Future Perspectives**

Date: October 13&14, 2012
Venue: Istanbul Bilgi University, Santral Campus

and for potential publication in
**Young researcher's yearbook of contemporary Turkish
Studies**

Despite the growing international importance of Turkey, the country's possible EU-membership and the large number of citizens with Turkish background in European societies, only a few academic institutions in Europe focus on contemporary Turkish Studies. At the same time, little effort has been made to institutionalize cooperation between relevant actors in the field of Turkish Studies in Europe and Turkey. Consequently, material and intellectual capacities are frequently wasted and the opportunity for mutual academic enrichment is lost. The international conference Contemporary Turkish Studies at a Glance - Topics, Institutions and Future Perspectives, taking place on October 13&14, 2012 at Istanbul Bilgi University, Santral Campus, aims to fill this gap by bringing together the most important institutions, organizations and individual scholars from Europe and Turkey who are engaged in Turkish Studies. The conference will provide an opportunity for an interdisciplinary debate within different fields of research and will allow the participants to build networks for future cooperation.

Organizers



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International Conference

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Conference

The two-day conference will give young scholars involved in Turkish Studies the chance to present their papers to some of the most renowned scholars and institutions in the field. Scholars will be given the chance to position themselves in the international research community and to debate related topics and research questions in an interdisciplinary environment. Those presenting their paper at the conference will partly be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses.

With this call, we invite scholars to submit papers that discuss key issues in contemporary Turkish Studies. The papers will be presented as part of four panels covering the most relevant academic disciplines in the field:

- | Political Science,
- | Sociology,
- | History,
- | Cultural Studies.

The panels will be chaired by renowned scholars representing the key institutions in the field of contemporary Turkish Studies. Key-note speeches by some of the most prestigious international experts on Turkey will further frame the program. Each day will be wrapped up with a round table discussion highlighting the outcome of the panels and the implications for Turkish Studies as an interdisciplinary and applied area of study.

Publication

The papers that are accepted will not only be presented during the conference, but may also potentially be published in the **Young researcher's yearbook of contemporary Turkish Studies**, depending on both the applicants' wishes, as indicated in the application form and the editors' choices. The published volume will join others edited by Prof. Dr. Ayhan Kaya and Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman. Summarizing the outcome of the event, the publication will comprise a snapshot of the current state of contemporary Turkish Studies in Europe from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Application & Abstract

With this call, we invite young scholars doing cutting-edge research in contemporary Turkish Studies to submit abstracts of their papers. In this regard, we, the organizers of the conference, encourage all submissions addressing recent key issues in the field including, but not limited to, the following subtopics:

Panel I: Political Science

Session I: Turkey and its neighbours

- | The discipline of political science in Turkey: Comparative perspectives on ethics, methodologies, teaching, and under-researched areas
- | The interaction between domestic politics and foreign policy: Internal and external outcomes
- | The Turkish democratization process - A role model for others?

Session II: Domestic Politics

- | The making of Turkey's new constitution
- | The Kurdish question and the debate on citizenship in Turkey
- | One party rule, political stability and the imbalance of powers - Implications for democratization

Panel II: Sociology

Session I: Urbanization and Stratification

- | Gentrification
- | Internal and international migration
- | Gender and inequality

Session II: Transnationalism

- | Transnational social movements
- | Social inclusion and exclusion
- | Migration and mobility

Panel III: History

Session I: Ottoman History

- | Ottoman-European exchanges
- | The transition from empire to nation state
- | Modern Turkey's history as part of World history

Session II: Contemporary History and Memory Studies

- | Controversial historical events and contemporary debates
- | Historiography and alternate sources/narratives of the past
- | Mediated history and new publics

Panel IV: Cultural Studies

Session I: Islam and Identity

- | Multifaceted narratives of Islamic identity: Islamists, Muslims and Secular Muslims in Muslim and Non-Muslim contexts.
- | Transnational Islamic identity, political mobilization and cultural globalization.
- | Islamophobia and restructured boundaries between "East" and "West".

Session II: Gender Perspectives

- | Feminist historiography and memory studies
- | Intersections of gender, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation and sexual identity
- | Feminist analyses of state, nationalism, war and violence

Applications must be submitted in the form of a single PDF document and must contain the following documents written in English (incomplete applications will not be considered):

1. An abstract of the research paper
2. A completed application form
3. An up-to-date CV

Abstract

The Abstract must include:

- A detailed description of the applicant's research topic and an explicit research question

- An overview of the state of research or similar projects in the field
- A specification of the theoretical approach and methodical design involved
- A summary of the key findings of the paper
- A bibliography of the most relevant academic literature

Abstracts should not exceed 5 pages (2 cm margin, 1.5 cell spacing, 12pt Times New

Roman)

Application form

Please find the application form attached below or download it from: www.network-turkey.org

CV

A CV of max. 2 pages and an additional list of publications

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2012. Please send your application and any questions you may have by email to the Conference Coordinator, Mrs. Kristina Kamp (see below for contact details). All applicants will receive a notice of receipt by email. Submitted papers will go through a rigorous review process conducted by the Chairs of the panels and the editors of the Yearbook. Notice of acceptance will be communicated by **July 31, 2012**. Complete papers must be submitted by **September 30, 2012**.

Full Papers

Papers must include:

- A cover page indicating the title, author's name and degree, and contact information

- A short abstract of max. 250 words, preceding the paper

- A separate list of references (max. 1 page)

Papers should not exceed 15 pages (2 cm margin, 1.5 cell spacing, 12pt Times New Roman)

Please note that the final acceptance of papers can only be guaranteed after the submission of the full papers, which must be completed by the deadline.

Invitations for Participants

The organizers invite all researchers with an interest in contemporary Turkish Studies to participate in the conference. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to get in touch with the latest knowledge in the area of Turkish Studies and to exchange ideas with renowned experts from different scientific fields in a truly inter-disciplinary environment. Institutions, organizations, journals and other actors engaged with Turkish Studies are invited to set up stands at the entrance to the event and to exhibit their work and publications. **The deadline for registration as a participant is August 31, 2012.** Please send a completed registration form and direct further questions by email to the Conference Coordinator, Mrs. Kristina Kamp (see below for contact details).

Please send your registration, application and/or questions to:

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