

International Conference

Contemporary Turkish Studies at a Glance - Topics, Institutions and Future Perspectives

Date: October 13&14, 2012

Venue: Istanbul Bilgi University, Santral Campus

Concept

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.

Outline

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. The event will be framed by key-note speeches by some of the most prestigious scholars in the field. Furthermore, in four different panels, chaired by renowned experts, central issues and research questions for Turkish Studies will be discussed in-depth.

The topics, framing the presentations and discussions of the panels, will be announced in a Call for Papers, and the most innovative and outstanding papers will be selected and presented during the event. Each day will finish with a roundtable discussion highlighting the outcome of the panels and the implications for Turkish Studies as an interdisciplinary and applied area of study. Additionally, while the conference is underway, organizations, journals and other actors engaged with Turkish Studies will set-up stands to exhibit their work and publications.

Publication

After the conference, a publication is planned in order to compile a snapshot of the current state of Turkish Studies in Europe and to summarize the event.

Organizers



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1st Day

9.30am - 10.00am Registration

10.00am - 10.30am Welcoming Remarks

Remzi Sanver - Rector of Istanbul Bilgi University, 7 min (tbc)

Ayhan Kaya - Istanbul Bilgi University, 7 min

N.N. - Network Turkey, 7 min

N.N. - Stiftung Mercator, 7 min (tbc)

10.30am - 11.00am 1st Keynote Speech

Erik-Jan Zürcher, 20 min plus 10 min for questions (tbc)

11.00am - 11.15am Formation of Panels

11.15am -
12:45am

Panel 1: Political Science

Chair

Fuat Keyman - Istanbul Policy Center

Ilter Turan - Istanbul Bilgi University

Session 1: Turkey and its neighbors

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Ilter Turan, 30 min

Panel 2: Sociology

Chair

Ayhan Kaya - Istanbul Bilgi University

Ayşe Parla - Sabancı University

Session 1: Urbanization and stratification

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Ayşe Parla, 30 min

12.45am - 1.45pm Lunch

1.45pm - 2.15pm 2nd Keynote Speech

Alan Duban, 20 min plus 10 min for questions

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Panel 1: Political Science

Session 2: Domestic Politics

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Fuat Keyman, 30 min

Panel 2: Sociology

Session 2: Transnationalism

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Ayhan Kaya, 30 min

3.45pm - 4.15pm Coffee Break

4.15pm - 5.30pm Round Table Discussion

Contemporary Turkish Studies at a glance - Theoretical and methodological debates

Participants

Erik-Jan Zürcher (tbc)

Alan Duban

Moderator

N.N.

5.30pm

End of event

2nd Day

10.00am - 10.30am 3rd Keynote Speech

Yael Navaro-Yashin, 20 min plus 10 min for questions

10.30am - 10.45am Formation of Panels

10.45am -
12.15am

Panel 3: History

Chair

Sevket Pamuk - Bogazici University/LSE
Leyla Neyzi - Sabanci University

Session 1: Ottoman History

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Sevket Pamuk, 30 min

Panel 4: Cultural Studies

Chair

Ayşe Saktanber - Middle East Technical University

Ayşe Gül Altınay - Sabanci University

Session 1: Islam and Identity

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Ayşe Saktanber, 30 min

12.15am - 1.15pm Lunch

1.15pm - 1.45pm 4th Keynote Speech:

Serif Mardin, 20 min plus 10 min for questions

1.45pm - 3:15pm

Panel 3: History

Session 2: History and Memory Studies

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Leyla Neyzi, 30 min

Panel 4: Cultural Studies

Session 2: Gender Perspectives

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Presentation, 20 min

Discussion chaired by Ayşe Gül Altınay, 30 min

3.15pm - 3.45pm Coffee Break

3.45pm - 5.00pm Round Table Discussion

Future perspectives for Turkish Studies

Participants

Yael Navaro-Yashin

Serif Mardin

Moderator

N.N.

5.00pm

End of event