

Invitation to the International Final Conference of the Programme

Blickwechsel. Contemporary Turkey Studies

Changing Perspectives

Dates

30/11/2016 – 02/12/2016

Venue

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Main building, Unter den Linden 6, 10117 Berlin

- Senate Hall -

Relations between politics, society, economics and their reverberations in the field of arts are highly intertwined. Understanding the fast changing dynamics in Turkey and their international impact – especially in relation to Germany – therefore calls for a multi-level, interdisciplinary approach. With the aim of contributing to a differentiated perspective and an exchange of views between the two countries, this Conference will **present the results** of three years' bi-national research in **five projects** of the Blickwechsel Programme and discuss them with external experts.

Since changes and upheavals within the political sphere have a strong influence on education and research in Turkey, the **panel discussion** on "The Prospects of Turkish Studies – Between International Cooperation and State of Emergency" with distinguished guests will reflect on the opportunities and challenges for **the future of Turkish Studies** in Turkey and abroad.

We would like to cordially invite you to the final conference of the "Blickwechsel. Contemporary Turkey Studies" programme!

Simultaneous translation will be provided in German, English and Turkish.

For registration, please send a short mail containing your name and institution by 23/11/2016 to: sowituco@hu-berlin.de

If you have questions, please consult Programme Coordinator Bettina Emir on: bettina.emir@hu-berlin.de

For updates and the complete schedule please visit our website: www.blickwechsel-tuerkei.de, where you can also sign in to receive our newsletter.

Schedule Overview

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2016

- HU Main Building, Senate Hall -

14.30 – 15.00	Coffee and Registration
15.00 – 15.30	Welcome
15.30 – 17.00	Project Presentation: Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey
17.00 – 17.30	Break
17.30 – 18.45	Project Presentation: Shared Experience of Migration in German-Turkish and Turkish Films
18.45 – 19.00	Break
19.00 – 20.30	Panel Discussion: Changing Perspectives in Film Productions on Turkish German Migration
20.30	Reception

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016

- HU Main Building, Senate Hall -

09.00 – 09.30	Coffee and Registration
09.30 – 11.00	Project Presentation: Perspectives of Parents in and from Turkey on Early Childhood, Child Development and Parenting
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	Project Presentation: Comparing Women's Movements in Different Cities in Turkey
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.00	Poster Presentations: Comparing Women's Movements in Different Cities in Turkey
15.00 – 16.30	Project Presentation: Turkey's Potential as Future Energy Hub – Economic Developments and Political Options
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.30	Panel Discussion: The Prospects of Turkish Studies – Between International Cooperation and State of Emergency
18.30 – 19.30	Short Reception/ Moving to Restaurant
19.30	Dinner (upon invitation)



FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2016: WORKSHOPS*

- HU Main Building -

09.00 – 09.30	Coffee		
09.30 – 11.00	- Room 2107 - Constitutional Politics I: “Decision Making: Courts, Parliaments, and Constituent Assemblies compared” Registration: maria.haimerl@hu-berlin.de	- Room 2070a - Early Childhood: “Parent's Arrangements of Language Acquisition in Early Childhood in Context of Migration-related Multilingualism” Registration: yasemin.ucan@uni-kassel.de	- Room 2249a - Energy Hub: "EU-Turkey relations in energy – more than words?" Registration: pelin.goelge@uni-koeln.de
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30 – 13.00	- Room 2107 - Constitutional Politics II (Continuation of the workshop)	- Room 2070a - Women's Movements: “Sharing the experience: Being a Young Woman Researcher in Gender Studies” Registration: cbinder@uni-bremen.de	
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch / End of the Conference		

* We are kindly asking you to register for the workshops separately. Please note that the number of participants is limited.

Project Presentations

Wednesday 30/11/2016, 3.30 pm

Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey

A project by the Research Area "Comparative Political Sciences and Political Systems of Eastern Europe" at Humboldt Universität in cooperation with the Law Faculty at Bilkent University in Ankara

Despite having undergone extensive changes, Turkey's current Constitution is still based on constitutional principles enacted after the military coup of 12th September 1980. Even though the need for a new constitution is recognized by all parties, President Erdoğan's plans to establish a presidential system are facing scepticism from different sides. The Research Lab analyses the plans for a new Constitution both from a political science and a legal perspective, exploring its possible outcomes in comparison with other established presidential systems, e.g. in the US.

Wednesday 30/11/2016, 5.30 pm

Shared Experience of Migration in German Turkish and Turkish Films

A project at the Section for Intercultural Literature and Media Studies at the Department for German Studies at the University of Hamburg in cooperation with the Department for German Studies at the Istanbul University

In Germany, as in Turkey, there is a long tradition of films that offer narrative representations of migration. This research project examines German-Turkish and Turkish films from a collection of more than 500 productions on the topic of migration and re-migration. The driving question is which — and to what extent — are cinematic strategies successful in inspiring an emotional response within the spectator, thus bringing the problems of migration closer to the surface and even making it possible to identify with "the other side's experience."

Panel Discussion

Wednesday 30/11/2016, 7.00 pm

Changing Perspectives in Film Productions on Turkish German Migration

How are intercultural encounters portrayed in films dealing with Turkish-German migration regarding the emergence of a new understanding? Against the backdrop of this issue, filmmakers like the directors **Ayşe Polat** and **Martina Priessner** or the writer and actress **Emine Sevgi Özdamar** will talk about social developments, personal experiences and aesthetic models who have inspired them to create their own forms of artistic production. The whole range of movies on Turkish German migration since the recruitment agreement between Germany and Turkey in 1961 until today are considered. Of special interest are film historically relevant productions that have promoted and commented on sociopolitical and aesthetical turnarounds.



Project Presentations

Thursday 01/12/2016, 9.30 am

Perspectives of Parents in and from Turkey on Early Childhood, Child Development and Parenting

A study by the Department for Social Work and Social Welfare at the University of Kassel in cooperation with the Department of Psychology at Yaşar University in Izmir

What views do parents from Germany and Turkey hold about their children's abilities and their development in early childhood? What do they consider necessary in regard to parenting and education of their children? Which of the similarities and differences in parental beliefs about early childhood can be attributed to aspects such as migration, ethnic/national culture, gender or social or local background? Interviews with 120 mothers and fathers of toddlers in Turkey and Germany were analysed.

Thursday 01/12/2016, 11.30 am

Comparing Women's Movements in Different Cities in Turkey

An empirical study by the Unit for Intercultural Education at the University of Bremen

Women from different backgrounds advocate gender equality in both large and small cities in Turkey. The project analyses the diversity of women's movements and gender-based political positions considering the complexity of social structures in different regional and socio-cultural settings. The central question of the study is whether, and to what extent, these women's movements, despite their differences, work together and, if so, which common, overarching objectives are pursued.

Thursday 01/12/2016, 3.00 pm

Turkey's Potential as Future Energy Hub – Economic Developments and Political Options

A project by the Institute of Energy Economics and the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics at the University of Cologne in cooperation with the Middle East Technical University in Ankara

Guaranteeing energy security is one of the most important challenges for today's societies. Europe's interest in an additional energy supply through Turkey is growing steadily. The Turkish Government aims at making the country the most important energy hub in the region. Will it be capable of achieving that goal and actively influencing energy markets? The combination of economic and political analysis allows for drafting scenarios that can deliver a reliable forecast about Turkey's long-term role in the European energy supply.

Panel Discussion

Thursday 01/12/2016, 5.00 pm

The Prospects of Turkish Studies – Between International Cooperation and State of Emergency

In the last years, Turkey has managed to establish itself as an internationally competitive research location. As political tensions in the country are increasing the academic sphere is affected considerably. In this panel discussion we want to reflect on the opportunities and challenges the field of Turkish Studies is facing both in Turkey and abroad. Which consequences are we to expect for the academic landscape in Turkey, international cooperation and research on Turkey in other countries, especially Germany? To what extent and how can academics and institutions dedicated to the promotion of academic research protect Turkey's potential as an attractive research location and object of study?

The panellists will be:

Prof. Dr. Meliha Altunışık	Vice-President of the Middle East Technical University
Prof. Dr. Beril Dedeoğlu	Member of the Turkish University Council YÖK, Professor at Galatasaray University
Prof. Dr. Yasemin Karakaşoğlu	Deputy Head of the University of Bremen and Board Member of the German Academic Exchange Service
Prof. Dr. Kader Konuk	Director of the Institute for Turkology at the University of Duisburg-Essen

The discussion will be moderated by **Ali Aslan**.